

**Readiness Skills**

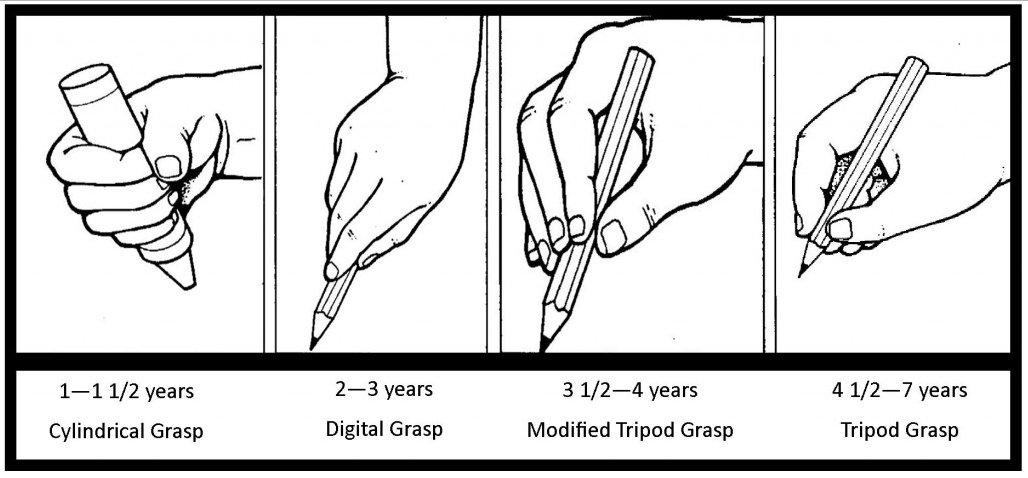
Note: These are suggestions/guidelines only – not requirements. Children all learn at different times and at different rates and are gifted in different areas of the curriculum. We accept children with whatever skills they bring and build on those skills in a secure environment. We want children to have positive learning experiences as they learn best this way.

**Suggested Readiness Skills**

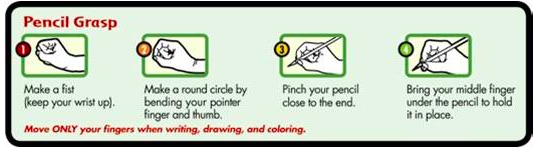
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| Reading | Writing | Oral | Maths | General |
| Is able to sit and listen to a story. | Can hold a pencil correctly. | Can speak clearly. | Knows basic shapes and colours. | Can be responsible for own belongings. |
| Knows we read from front to back and left to right. | Can recognize and write their own name using lower case letters. | Can tell you about a personal experience. | Can use some positional words e.g. above, below, under, over, front, back. | Can dress/undress independently. |
| Knows the names and sounds of some alphabet letters. | Can draw pictures about their experiences. | Can imitate some conversations e.g. ‘Good morning.’ | Can count to 10 and beyond. | Can manage to use the toilet unassisted. |
| Can retell a story using pictures. |  | Can listen and respond to instructions. | Can count a small group of objects. | Can use scissors. |
|  |  | Is able to answer a question with a relevant sentence. | Can recognize numbers to 10 and beyond. | Can share and take turns. |
|  |  | Is able to ask for help when needed. |  | Is willing to ‘have a go.’ |

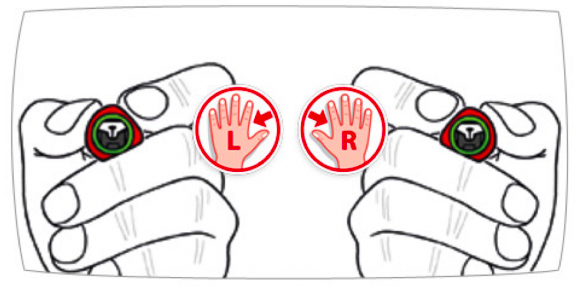
Please help by checking at home that your child is holding their pencil correctly and forming letters correctly. A guide sheet is provided overleaf.

**Pencil Grip Development**

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**The correct method of holding a pen or pencil**

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**Letter formation – Lower case**

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**Letter formation – Upper case (Capital letter)**

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