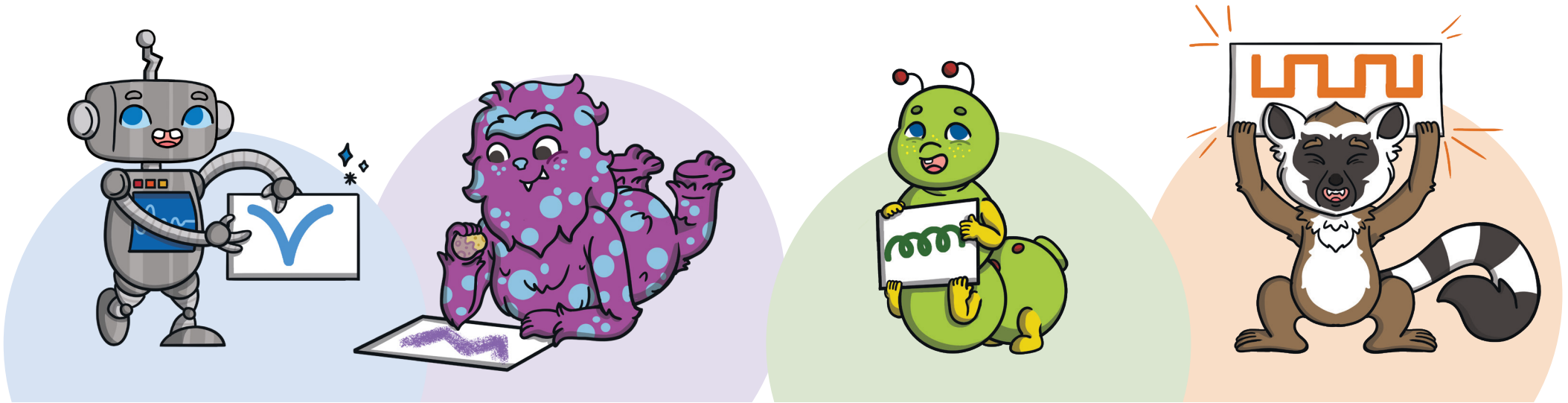


# Early Handwriting Teacher Overview



This overview outlines the skills taught within the **Twinkl Handwriting: Early Handwriting Scheme**. The Early Handwriting Scheme is broken down into six blocks, each of which follows a step-by-step structure. Within Blocks 1-6, handwriting skills are developed through a clear, sequenced progression that is taught in small steps, building on learning cumulatively and consolidating knowledge before continuing.

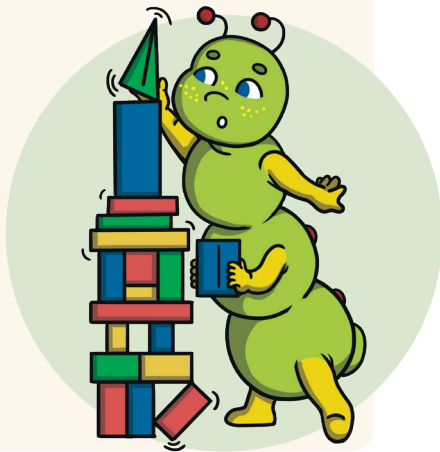
Within Early Handwriting, learners will be introduced to and develop their understanding of pre-writing skills and letter formations. They will also develop the gross and fine motor physical skills needed for writing, including hand-eye coordination, bilateral coordination, crossing the midline, finger strength, wrist strength and hand strength.



## Block 1

Within Early Handwriting Block 1, learners will:

- develop a sense of curiosity around early mark making, participating in a range of pre-writing activities;
- begin to develop a range of physical skills through interactive activities;
- be introduced to each Letter Family Character and formation strokes through song verses;
- develop, explore and apply their understanding of directional language through engaging gross and fine motor activities;
- begin to manipulate a range of small tools and writing implements;
- form pre-writing shapes linked to letter formations in a variety of multi-sensory activities.



## Blocks 2-5

Within Early Handwriting Blocks 2-5, learners will:

- develop gross motor skills needed for writing, including hand-eye coordination, bilateral coordination and crossing the midline;
- develop the fine motor skills needed for writing, including finger strength, wrist strength and hand strength;
- build a sense of curiosity, motivation and purpose around making marks and pre-writing strokes;
- develop an awareness of directional vocabulary and use it to communicate about strokes, shapes and letters;
- identify each letter family and some letters that belong to each family;
- manipulate a range of small tools and writing implements;
- Nip, Flip and Grip a pencil to develop a comfortable and successful pencil grip;
- use a range of writing implements to create horizontal, vertical, diagonal and circular strokes;
- form letters using green and red dots and letter formation mnemonics for support.

## Block 6

Within Early Handwriting Block 6, learners will:

- continue to develop gross motor skills needed for writing, including hand-eye coordination, bilateral coordination and crossing the midline;
- continue to develop fine motor skills needed for writing, including finger strength, wrist strength and hand strength;
- build a sense of curiosity, motivation and purpose around making marks and pre-writing strokes;
- revisit and develop further awareness of directional vocabulary and continue to use it to communicate about strokes, shapes and letters;
- identify each letter family and the letters that belong to each family;
- continue to manipulate a range of small tools and writing implements;
- use the Nip, Flip and Grip technique to continue to develop a supportive and successful pencil grip;
- continue to use a range of writing implements to create horizontal, vertical, diagonal and circular strokes;
- form letters using green and red dots and letter formation mnemonics for support;
- begin to explore activities in preparation for Step 1.



## Early Handwriting Teaching Sequence

Click on each box to be taken directly to the resource.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Teaching Block 1	Meet the Letter Family Characters	Ladder Lemur Pre-writing Shapes	One-Armed Robot Pre-writing Shapes	Curly Caterpillar Pre-writing Shapes	Zigzag Monster Pre-writing Shapes	Pre-writing Shapes and Letter Families Consolidation Pack
Teaching Block 2	Ladder Lemur Letter 'l' Pack	Ladder Lemur Letter 'i' Pack	Ladder Lemur Letters 'u' and 't' Pack	Ladder Lemur Letter 'y' Pack	Ladder Lemur Letter 'j' Pack	Ladder Lemur Letters Consolidation Pack
Teaching Block 3	One-Armed Robot Letters 'n' and 'm' Pack	One-Armed Robot Letter 'h' Pack	One-Armed Robot Letter 'k' Pack	One-Armed Robot Letters 'b' and 'p' Pack	One-Armed Robot Letter 'r' Pack	One-Armed Robot Letters Consolidation Pack
Teaching Block 4	Curly Caterpillar Letters 'c' and 'a' Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letter 'd' Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letters 'e' and 's' Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letter 'g' Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letter 'f' Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letter 'q' Pack
Teaching Block 5	Curly Caterpillar Letter 'o' Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letters Consolidation Pack	Zigzag Monster Letters 'z' and 'v' Pack	Zigzag Monster Letter 'w' Pack	Zigzag Monster Letter 'x' Pack	Zigzag Monster Letters Consolidation Pack
Teaching Block 6	Ladder Lemur Letter Family Pack	One-Armed Robot Letter Family Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letter Family Pack	Curly Caterpillar Letter Family Pack	Zigzag Monster Letter Family Pack	Early Writing Consolidation Pack

## The Letter Families

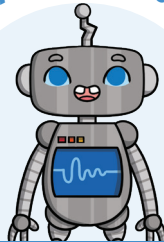
### The Ladder Lemur Family



**l, i, u, t, y, j**

These letters all begin with a straight, vertical line starting from the top.

### The One-Armed Robot Family



**n, m, h, k, b, p, r**

These letters all begin with a vertical line and require the writer to go back up the line, forming the letter without lifting.

### The Curly Caterpillar Family



**c, a, d, e, s, g, f, q, o**

These letters all require circular movements to create curved lines.

### The Zigzag Monster Family

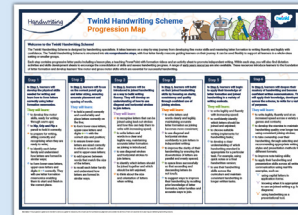


**z, v, w, x**

These letters all require diagonal movements to form zigzag lines.

## Find Out More

### Progression Map



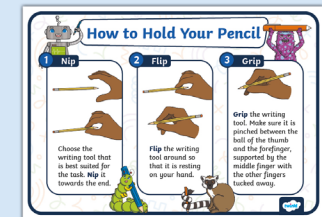
### Poster Pack



### Display Pack



### Pencil Grip Poster



## Teacher Notes

