

Monday 12th September 2022,



Dear parents/carers,

In Reception, we strive to enable all children to hold their pencil correctly. This is important for future fluent writing. The technique we use is called the **Dynamic Tripod Grasp** (see link <https://youtu.be/UPg9ppq6Hhg>).

The method ensures children develop *strong* fine motor skills in order to build up and strengthen the key muscles in their hands. This will ensure your children have better control when writing and are able to form letters correctly.

Ways you can Support at Home:

- Show your child the correct way to hold their pencil.
- Help your child place their finger and thumb in the correct finger position.
- Praise your child when they hold their pencil in a good position.
- Do lots of fun drawing and writing activities together using different types of pencils, crayons and chinks.
- Put an elastic band around the pencil (2cm from the tip) and encourage your child to always place their thumb and first two fingers on the band, or alternately you can buy pencil grips that will encourage your child to develop a good tripod grasp.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this do not hesitate to speak to your class teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

The Reception Team.

