

How Does Your Child Hold Their Pencil?

What do we mean by correct pencil grip?

There are many different pencil grips. However in reception we encourage a dynamic tripod grasp. See link <https://youtu.be/UPg9qpq6Hhg> to explain what we mean by this.



Pencil grip is only one part of handwriting. In nursery and school a variety of ways of pencil holds will be seen. Most children develop a pencil hold that is comfortable for them. Other grips you may see your child use are:



Static Tripod Grip



4 Finger Grip



Digital Pronate Grip



Fisted Grip or Palmar Supinate Grip

Why is a correct pencil grip important?

It is important to encourage a good pencil grip from the start so make sure your child is able to identify and name their thumb, pointer finger and middle finger (see below for Tommy Thumb Song) so they can start to use them together.



The diagram shows a right hand with fingers labeled: Ruby Ring (index), Toby Tall (middle), Baby Small (ring), Peter Pointer (pointer), and Tommy Thumb (thumb). Below the hand are four verses of the song, each with a small illustration of the corresponding finger being named.

Tommy Thumb, Tommy Thumb
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am
How do you do.

Peter Pointer, Peter Pointer
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am
How do you do.

Toby Tall, Toby Tall
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am
How do you do.

Ruby Ring, Ruby Ring
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am
How do you do.

Baby Small, Baby Small
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am
How do you do.

Tommy Thumb Song

