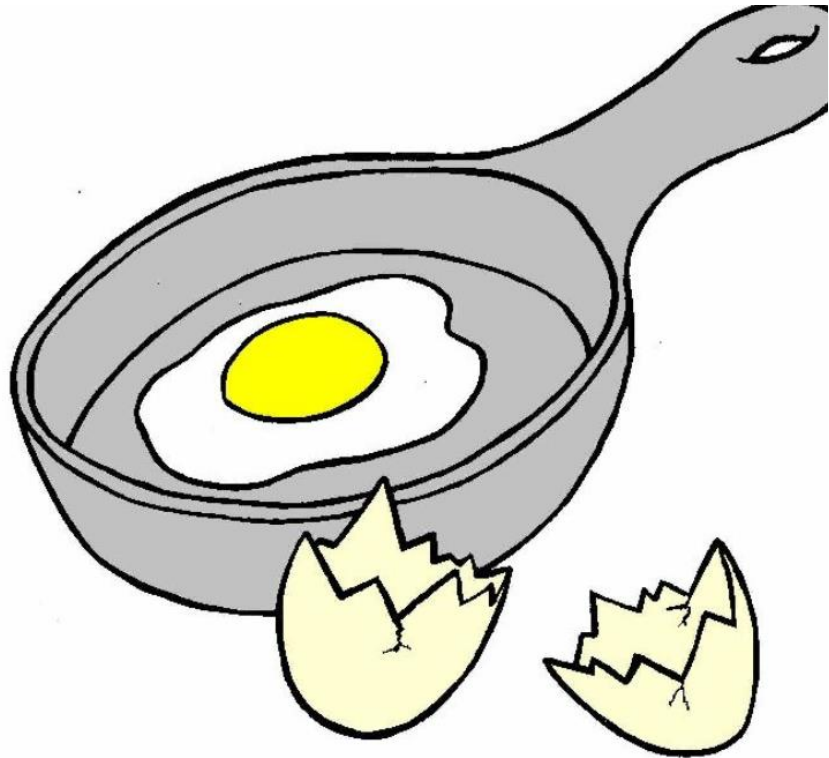


Phonics!

Week 6- Our focus sound this week is...

E e

short e



Encourage the children to experience the written form – both capital and lower case. Can they use their finger/a brush/a stick etc. to trace it? Could they use play dough, a pliable toy, spaghetti etc. to make it? Can they make a similar mark or write the letter in materials like sand, rice, soil etc. Can they find it when given a choice of letters (written/magnetic etc.)

Model saying the sound correctly whilst mimicking cracking an egg. Sing the song below to the tune of 'Skip to my Lou'.

“Eggs in the pan, e, e, e,

Eggs in the pan, e, e, e,

Eggs in the pan, e, e, e,

Crack the egg like this, e!’

Tip: In school – we quite often crack real eggs whilst we sing!

This week we are focussing on practising our pre-writing and writing skills.

'Pencil Control' (separate document)

Use this worksheet to encourage your child to make a specific mark with a pen or pencil. If this is feeling too hard – take a step back and encourage them to draw lines and circles on a plain piece of paper.

Writing words and captions

Encourage your child to write the words below by saying them one at a time. They may need you to segment them so that they can hear each individual sound ('c'- 'a'- 't' 'cat'). They could write on paper or in a stimulating sensory material such as shaving foam or rice.

Word bank:

pat	dog	cat	hat	sad	man
pin	map	pots	pans	dad	nan
nap	cot	tin	can	red	

Writing short phrases

Using the same method as above – encourage your child to write some short phrases.

Phrase bank:

pat a dog	a cat in a hat	a sad man
a pin on a map	pots and pans	a nap in a cot
cats and dogs	a red rug	

CHALLENGE: Can they write a phrase/sentence of their own?

Sensory mark making and hand muscle strengthening

An important part of preparing to write is developing muscle tone in our hands – squeezing and stretching pliable materials such as play dough, putty and thick slime is great for this! Below is a quick play dough recipe (there are loads of other recipes online for similar materials such as slime!) Don't forget to add food colouring! 😊

Ingredients

2 cups flour
1 cup of salt
1 cup of water

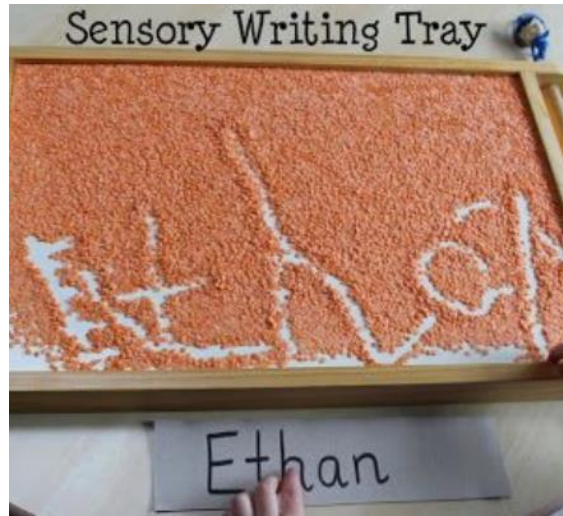
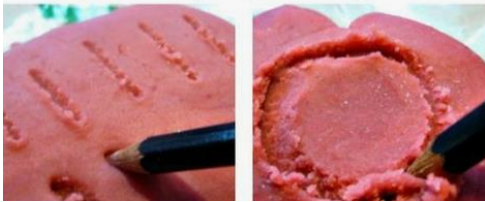
Directions

Mix all ingredients together to make the dough.

Here are some sensory mark making ideas – if possible, encourage your child to make requested marks. For example, a circle or a cross.



Mark Making
with play dough



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