



SUPERsonic

Phonic Friends

Example planning
Curly Cal and his Handwriting Pals

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The creators of Supersonic Phonic Friends have developed a series of handwriting resource to complement their phonics scheme called "Curly Cal and his Handwriting Pals."

Using this resource, supports children to remember the shapes of letters and the way in which they are formed. This is done through the actions and the alliterative pictures depicted with each letter. Letters are created through joining lines and curving shapes in a particular way. The letters have a specific start point and set directional pushes and pulls of the pencil to reach the specific end point. This is why the letters are taught in letter families rather than the order of the alphabet and why they have a green leaf where to start and a red leaf where to finish.

We have three special characters to support the children in their learning, Len, Cal and Zippy and 3 letter families to teach the children how to form the letters in print.

- Len's Ladder letters
- Cal's Curly letters
- Zippy's Zigzag letters

The duration of the programme approximately 8 to 16 weeks to learn how to form letters and write simple CVC words from The Basics 2 and early Basics 3.

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Ladder Len



Curly Cal



Zippy Zig Zag

Beginning the Programme

Children can start the programme when they have been taught Group 5 of The Basics 2 phonics. This will be taught discretely for ten minutes a day twice a day for 2 intensive weeks.

I can statements	
I can	Copy pre handwriting patterns
I can	Form recognisable letters
I can	Listen, recognise, build read and write Group 1 – Group 5.
I can	Read left to right the whole way through a word
I can	Show a willingness and interest in forming letters
I can	Show a can do attitude and enjoy handwriting

The Basics 2	
Group 1	s a t p
Group 2	i n m d
Group 3	g o c k
Group 4	ck e u r
Group 5	h b f l
Group 6	ll ff ss



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The progression of Curly Cal and his Handwriting Pals is in the order outlined below. The programme can last anywhere between 8 – 16 weeks dependant upon your weekly evaluations to consider if children need further practise in the letters being taught.

Handwriting Families		Suggested Duration
Len's Ladder Letters 1	l t i u y j	2 – 4 weeks
Curly Cals Letters	c o a d g q e f s	3 – 6 weeks
Len's Ladder Letters 2	r n m h b p k	2 – 4 weeks
Zippy's Zigzag Letters	v w x z	1 – 2 weeks



Examples of letters



Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
V	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	van vet		
W	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	win wet wig wag		
X	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	mix fix wax box fox		
Z	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	zap zip zig zag		
V W X Z	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
I can: Form v Form w Form x Form z Write the CVC words listed		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		