Finger fit progression

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Morning write on	Continuous	Letter formation –	Letter formation –	Picture stimulus –	Picture stimulus –	Picture stimulus –
entering school	provision to	practising curly	practising curly	write letters from	write letters from	write letters from
	include some	caterpillar/robot/	caterpillar/robot/	families and then	families and then	families and then
	phonics activities	ladder families on	ladder families on	a sentence (more	a sentence (more	a sentence (more
		whiteboards.	whiteboards.	more) about the	more) about the	more) about the
		Number formation	Number formation	picture.	picture.	picture.
		on Fridays.	on Fridays.			
Notes	Begin finger fit as	Finger fit 4 times a	Finger fit 4 times a	Finger fit 4 times a	3 or 4 days of	3 or 4 days of
	soon as first set 1	week – linked to	week – linked to	week – linked to	finger fit, 1 day of	finger fit, 1 day of
	single sounds are	topic or book.	topic or book.	topic or book.	independent	independent
	taught.				writing with	writing with
					picture stimulus.	picture stimulus.
Writing	Children have a go	CVC word, simple	CVC word, simple	Simple sentence	Simple sentence	Simple sentence
progression	at writing initial	sentence if can	sentence if can	containing red	containing red	containing red
	sound (or if can,	(e.g. 3 word	(e.g. 3 word	word.	word.	word.
	CVC word).	sentence).	sentence).	Then their own	Then their own	Then their own
				challenge	challenge	challenge
				sentence.	sentence.	sentence.
Word progression	Focus on	Focus on	Introduce words	Introduce special	Introduce special	Introduce special
	decodable words.	decodable words.	like the, I, he, she,	friends sh ch th	friends, CCVC	friends, CCVC
			we	qu.	CVCC words	CVCC words
					including word	including word
					time 1.7	time 1.7
Fine motor	Simple snips and	Progressing to	Greater range of	Lift the flaps,	Other ways of	Split pins, moving
progression	lines.	curved shapes.	materials and	making holes *	joining materials,	parts *
(craft)			media – string,		tape, masking	
			lolly sticks etc. *		tape*	
Most children	Be able to write	Be able to write	Be able to write a	Be able to write a	Be able to write a	Be able
should	initial sounds.	simple CVCs	simple sentence	simple sentence	simple sentence	independently in a
	(correct letter	(correct letter	with 3 words (full	with 4 words (full	with 4 or more	range of provision.
	formation)	formation)	stop and finger	stop and finger	words and their	
			spaces).	spaces).	own sentence.	

Finger spaces modelled from the start in all writing.

*Other craft skills photographed then caption written alongside photo (e.g. playdough techniques, threading etc).

Format of session:

Model the cut and stick/craft activity step by step, explaining how you are doing it explicitly in a way that is very visual.

Say the simple sentence – children to repeat a couple of times, using hands to chunk each word and jump the finger spaces, punch the full stop.

Ask them what the first word is, pinchy finger Fred talk and write step by step, asking (for some letters) what letter family it is (and then altogether saying the rhyme).

After each word, children read back the sentence so far to inform what the next word is (and repeat the previous step).

At the end, children to read the whole sentence back and then add a full stop.

Talk to your partner to discuss what another sentence might be and talk them out using the chunking hand signals and full stop.