Handwriting in Years 1 and 2 at John Ray Infants

Dear parents and carers,

Today I have reminded the Year 1 and 2 children of our 'Ready to Write' rhyme that we use in school before we do any writing.

When your child is writing, completing home learning or practising their learning at home, ask them to tell you all about our Ready to Write rhyme, and check they are following it – it makes all the difference to their writing!

Thank you

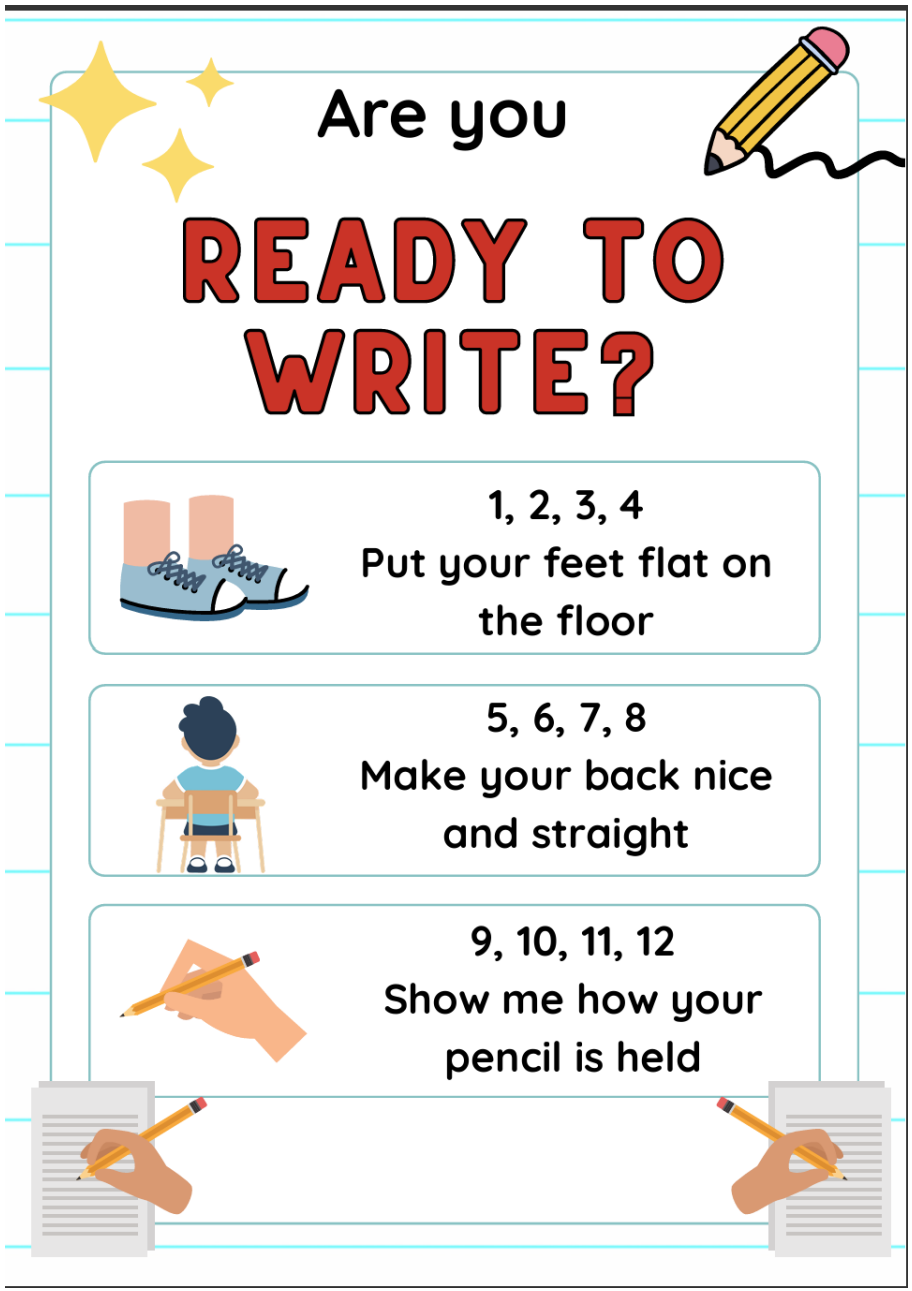
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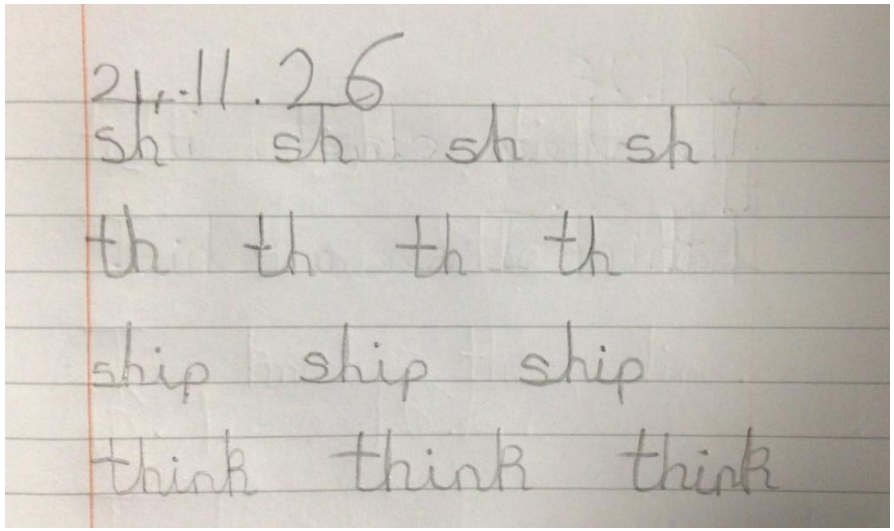
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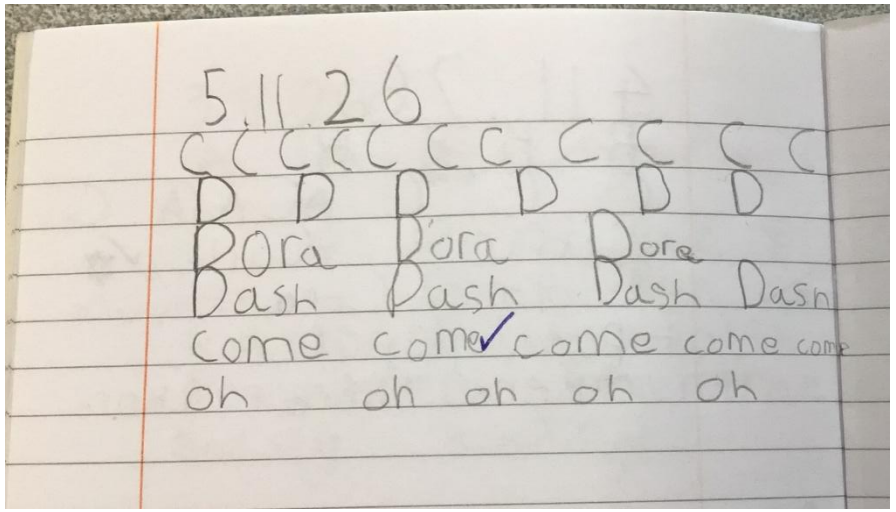
…and tilt our page slightly to help us write



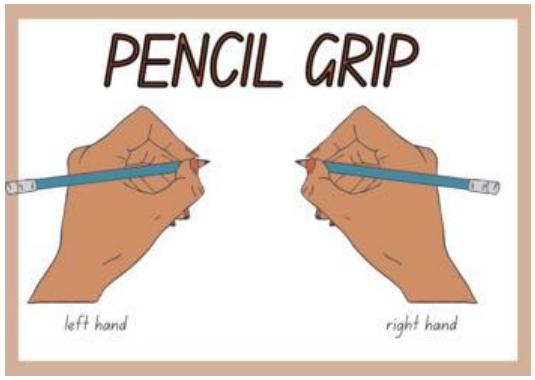
Here are some great examples of handwriting that we are already seeing in school…



Mia in Robins is really applying her joins – we talk about tall letters (t, h) and letters under the line (g, p)



Teddy in Moles has been practising his capital letters – we make sure they are bigger and fill the line.



Pencil grip is very important in handwriting – if children are not holding the pencil correctly and comfortably, their hands can get tired quickly. This grip is called the **tripod grip.**