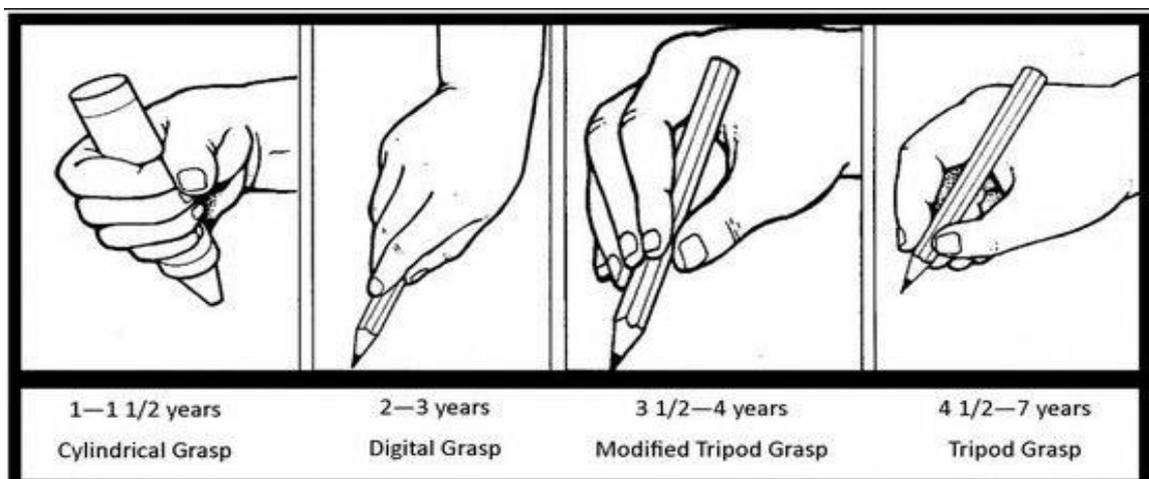


Dear Parents,

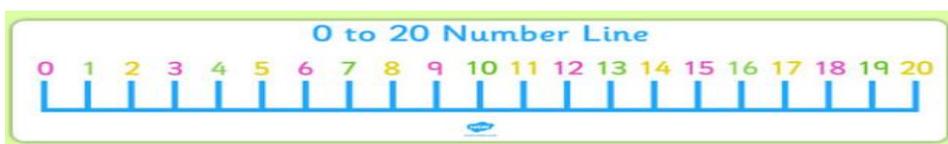
Here is a little pack of activities you can choose to do over the summer with your child. The alphabet sheet and name writing activities will support your child in forming their letters correctly. Please look at these carefully before doing any writing with your child as once a child begins to write it is very hard to undo the way they form the letters. Following the correct letter formation will ensure your child is able to have fluency in their writing and use joined handwriting later on.

Please also look at how your child holds pencils and pens and try to encourage and show them how to hold their pencil using the tripod grip. Pencil grip has several developmental stages and it depends on the development of muscles within your child's hands. The diagram below shows the stages of pencil grip your child will move through. Activities such as playdough, colouring and threading will all help to strengthen the muscles and help them develop this important skill.



The numbers are there for you to use throughout the year and will be added to as we move onto numbers from eleven to twenty. The children will need to be able to read and order numbers to twenty by the **end** of Reception. Over the year keep the numbers in your child's book bag and look at and help your child to recognise the numbers. The numbers can be taken off the ring. Can your child put the cards in order from 0-20 or 20-0? Try hiding a number and see if they can work out which one is missing. Can they find you the number one more or less than your number?

But most of all enjoy the summer and explore the world around you and I look forward to seeing you all again in September!



Yours Sincerely

Mrs Purser