

# The building blocks of writing

**If the lower levels are missing then the rest of the tower will come crashing down!**

I can write simple three letter words independently e.g. cat, mud

I can hear and match a sound to the correct letter

I can hear a word and break it down into individual sounds (segment and blend)

I can use the muscles in my hand and arm to make small, more controlled movements

I can make marks on paper – vertical, horizontal lines and circles

I can consistently use the same mark to represent something e.g. myself, member of my family

I can build an accurate, stable tower of 10 2cm blocks

I can thread beads / blocks onto a lace with a stiffened end

I can listen to sounds and repeat them myself

I can understand positional / spatial language e.g. top, bottom, across

I can use the muscles in my hand and arm to make big movements

I can effectively grasp objects of varying sizes and develop an effective pincer grip

I can make marks using any part of my body

I can isolate and press firmly with my right and left index fingers

I can tolerate different textures (touch sensitivity)



# The building blocks of reading

**If the lower levels are missing then the rest of the tower will come crashing down!**

I can read simple three letter words independently e.g. cat, mud

I can look at a symbol on a page and say the sound it represents

I can put three sounds together and say what word that makes

I can see words and labels in my environment and talk about them

I can say which words have the same beginning or end sounds

I can talk about the pictures and characters in books and make up my own stories

I can recognise the initial letter in my name and then all of my name

I enjoy playing sound games, making up silly words beginning with the same letter

I can listen to sounds and know which are the same and which are different

I know that symbols on a page have meaning and can be 'read'

I enjoy listening to stories and sharing books

I can listen and identify different sounds and noises in my environment

I can make different sounds with my mouth

I can sing simple songs and nursery rhymes

I can listen to sounds and repeat them myself

