



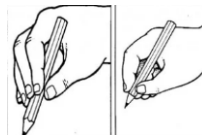
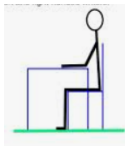
Dear Parents and Carers,

**Phonics** - This week the children will be reviewing the new sounds from Phase 5. Please continue to practise the harder to read and spell words with your child so that they are able to recognise and read them fluently. Remember that these are mostly words that cannot be phonetically decoded.

Please continue to ensure you read at least 3 times a week with your child and record it in their Reading Record. Thank you 😊

**Literacy** - In Literacy this week we will be reading the story *The Extraordinary Gardener* by Sam Boughton. The children will be considering the terms ordinary and extraordinary and using their imagination to explore ways to transform an ordinary object into an extraordinary object and writing about it. We are looking forward to finding out about their ideas.

**Handwriting** - We will also be continuing weekly handwriting lessons with the children. We will be looking at the letter x and reviewing the other zig-zag letters. Here you can see a picture of how the children should be sat to support their writing. Here is also an example of a modified tripod grip and a tripod grip which is the encouraged for all children.



**Maths** - This week the children will be learning to partition numbers. We will be using part part whole models with the children and exploring the different ways we can make up different numbers e.g. 9 is made up of 4 and 5.

**Music** - We will be listening to and appraising the piece of music 'Fantasia On a Theme' by Thomas Tallis by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The children will then be composing with the song Rock-A-Bye Baby.

**If you are able to send in donations of any of the following, we would be very grateful:**

Junk modelling materials (please can we ensure it is washed and cleaned before bringing it in, thank you), petals from old flowers for our Mud Kitchen, small plants, vegetables to grow, Sellotape, masking tape, wooden lolly sticks, cream of tartar for playdough.

Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle each day particularly as the weather is much warmer. Thank you.

#### Diary Dates

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Theatre Works Performance - 10am

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Rocksteady Concert- 10am - parents will be invited individually

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - FOML Summer Ball

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Rocksteady Concert- 10am - parents will be invited individually

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports emailed to parents

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - End of Summer Term - **Early Finish 1.15pm**

Thank you,  
The Reception Team 😊