

Red Rose Letters and Sounds

Formation Phrase Handwriting Patter – Cursive

It is recommended that when teaching letter formation, a phrase is used in order to embed the directionality. All adults who teach letter formation are encouraged to use the same approach as children learn effectively through repetition.

This chart provides an overview of the formation phrases linked to the Red Rose Letters and Sounds Planning Programme.

a	Lead in, round the anchor, down the rope and flick.
b	Lead in, up the bat, down the bat, round the ball and flick.
c	Lead in, curl round the cat.
d	Lead in, back round the dog's body, up to his ears, down to his tail and flick.
e	Lead in, across the shelf and over the elf.
f	Lead in, up the flamingo, follow down the flamingo, loop and fly. Lead in, round the flamingo, follow down the flamingo, loop and fly. Lead in, round the flamingo, follow down the flamingo, loop and fly.
g	Lead in, go round the gorilla, swing from the vine and loop.
h	Lead in, up the hill, down the hill, over the hedge and flick.
i	Lead in, up the insect, down the insect and flick. Don't forget his cap!
j	Lead in, up the jetty, jump off the jetty and loop. Don't forget your cap!
k	Lead in, up the koala, down the koala, arm, leg and flick. Lead in, up the koala, down the koala, round the arm, down the leg and flick.
l	Lead in, up the long ladder, down the long ladder and flick.
m	Lead in, up the mound, down the mound, over the moles and flick.
n	Lead in, up the nose, down the nose, over the nostril and flick.
o	Lead in, back around the octopus and flick.
p	Lead in, up the path, down the path, up the path, round the pond and flick.
q	Lead in, quick! Back round the pond, down and splash.
r	Lead in, up to the cloud, rain down to the ground and over the rainbow.
s	Lead in, slip down the slide and flick.
t	Lead in, up the tree, down the tree and across the branch.
u	Lead in, up for breath, down under the sea, up for breath, down again and flick.
v	Lead in, down the vase, up the vase and flick.
w	Lead in, down the wave and up the wave. Down the wave, up the wave and flick.
x	Lead in, cross the box, cross the box and flick. Lead in, curve round the box, curve round the box and flick.
y	Lead in, up the yo-yo, down the yo-yo, up the yo-yo, swing and loop.

z	Lead in, zip, zap, zoom!
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