

## Hand writing phrases for helping your child to form letters

In Year 1, we have introduced pre-cursive handwriting. You will notice the lead in and lead out for each letter below. We still use the phrases from Read, Write, Inc but before writing each letter we say "up we go..." and at the end "...flick!" e.g. to write the letter *o*, we say "up we go, all around the orange and flick!" You may find this useful when supporting writing at home.

- m*: Maisie, mountain, mountain
- a*: round the apple, down the leaf
- s*: slither down the snake
- d*: round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet
- t*: down the tower, across the tower
- i*: down the body, dot for the head
- n*: down Nobby, over his net
- p*: down the plait and over the pirate's face
- g*: round her face, down her hair and give her a curl
- o*: all around the orange
- c*: curl around the caterpillar
- k*: down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg
- u*: down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle
- d*: down the laces to the heel, round the toe
- f*: down the stem and draw the leaves
- e*: lift off the top and scoop out the egg
- l*: down the long leg
- h*: down the head to the hooves and over his back
- r*: down his back and then curl over his arm
- j*: down his body, curl and dot
- w*: down a wing, up a wing
- y*: down a horn, up a horn and under his head
- w*: down, up, down, up
- z*: zig-zag-zig
- q*: round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair
- x*: down the arm and leg and repeat the other side

