

Red Rose Letters and Sounds

Formation Phrase Handwriting Patter – Pre-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 and down the rope.
b	Lead in, up the bat, down the bat and round the ball.
c	Lead in, curl round the cat.
d	Lead in, back round the dog's body, up to his ears and down to his tail.
e	Lead in, cross the shelf and over the elf.
f	Lead in, up the flamingo, follow down the flamingo, flick and fly.
g	Lead in, go round the gorilla and swing from the vine.
h	Lead in, up the hill, down the hill and over the hedge.
i	Lead in, up the insect, down the insect and don't forget his cap.
j	Lead in, jump off the jetty and don't forget your cap.
k	Lead in, up the koala, down the koala, arm and leg. Lead in, up the koala, down the koala, round the arm and down the leg.
l	Lead in, up the long ladder down the long ladder.
m	Lead in, up the mound, down the mound and over the moles.
n	Lead in, up the nose, down the nose and over the nostril.
o	Lead in, back around the octopus.
p	Lead in, up the path, down the path, up the path and round the pond.
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.
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 and down again.
v	Lead in, down the vase and up the vase.
w	Lead in, down the wave and up the wave. Down the wave and up the wave.
x	Lead in, cross the box and cross the box.
y	Lead in, up the yo-yo, down the yo-yo, up the yo-yo and swing.
z	Lead in, zip, zap, zoom!