ELG10 – Writing

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Explanatory notes

The child writes for a range of purposes in meaningful contexts. The child’s writing may include features of different forms such as stories, lists, labels, captions, recipes, instructions and letters. The child’s writing is phonetically plausible when he or she writes simple regular words and particularly when he or she attempts to write more complex words. The child and others can read and make sense of the text.
28th September
Writing area – gravel trays (child initiated)
M used her right hand index finger in the gravel tray. She said “I can write the a in my name properly now. You have to go all the way round, up, down and a little flick!” As she talked through the formation, she formed the letter a correctly in the gravel.

31st October
Outside – child initiated
M said, “can I play with the chalk?” She took a piece and began to write letters. She said, “I can write my second name now.” She said each of the letter sounds in turn as she wrote her name on the floor. She formed all of the letters in her second name correctly.

3rd February
Writing area – child initiated
M was playing with two other children (B and E). M was carrying a clipboard and pen.
M: “we’re playing Pizza Hut. I’m taking the order.”
B: “a spicy one” M wrote spiysee.
E: “chicken” M wrote chic.
E: “a hot one”. M wrote hot.
B: “can I have a meat pizza?”. M wrote meet.

25th February
Writing area – child initiated
M returned to the classroom from her phonics group. She went into the writing area and selected paper and a pen. She said, “I can write captions and sentences!” She appeared to “make pictures in her head”, then wrote sentences to match, orally segmenting words and saying sentences to herself as she wrote them down.

13th June
Writing area – child initiated
M spent most of the morning session in the writing area! She brought her writing to me and said, “This is what I did at the weekend!” She did not have to tell me what she had written as I could read it all without mediation!

5th December
Outside – child initiated
M picked up some chalk and began to draw. She said “I’m drawing you!” She continued to draw, then said “I can write your name – miss, mi-ss” (she orally segmented). She wrote mi-ss underneath her picture. She drew a second picture and said “This is Jacob. I can write Jacob. Ja-ci-cu-b” (she orally segmented). She wrote Jakub under her picture. I asked if she could write anything else; I said some CVC words, M orally segmented these and wrote them with the chalk. She then also wrote “the” and “no” on the floor.

4th January
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M brought some writing to show me. She said, “This is what I got for Christmas. I got a doll for Christmas.”

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May and June
Writing area – child initiated
M was extremely excited about her new rabbit! She brought photos in to show to the class, and during this time often chose to draw pictures of her rabbit. On several occasions, she also added sentences to her pictures.

17th November
Interactive whiteboard – child initiated
The activity had been used during a phonics session, but had been left on the interactive whiteboard for children to access independently during the afternoon. Each screen showed a picture of a CVC object, and had a range of letters for children to drag and drop onto a phoneme frame. M looked at the first picture and said, “hat, h-a-t”. She dragged each letter in order onto the frame to spell the word. She repeated this with “pig” and “cat” – orally segmenting the word before dragging and dropping the matching letters.

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5th April
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As part of adult led activities earlier in the week, the children had looked at and investigated “spring objects”, had described what they could see in “spring pictures” and had written sentences with support. Blank writing frames had been left for children to use in their child-initiated activities. M said, “I’ve written I can see some blossom trees growing in the grass and I can see some daisies growing.”

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