

# Homework Activities



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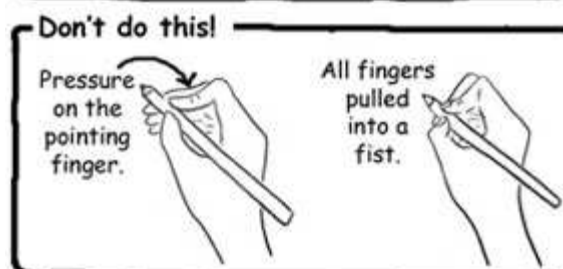
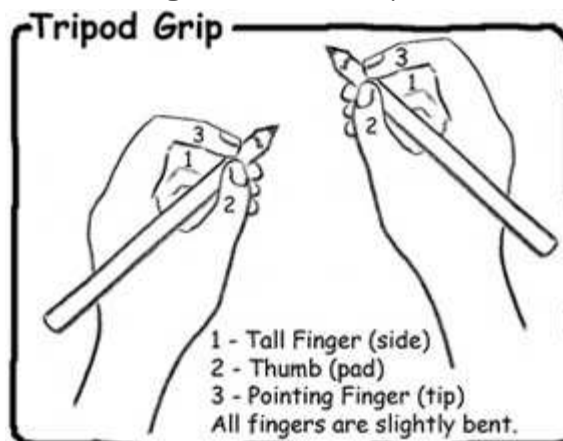
Dear Parent / Guardian,

Well we have been really busy this week! We are continuing to learn our story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', and have attached a copy so you can practise at home. Our sound this week is 'sh' and we have been spelling words that start with the 'sh' sound or have the 'sh' sound in them and then writing a sentence using a 'sh' word. The action for this sound we use in class is to place our index finger over lips and say sh, sh, sh.

Our tricky words this week which we are learning to spell from memory are 'I' and 'the', so if your child can't remember how to spell these words independently please have a little practise with them each day.

We have noticed that a number of children are holding their pencil incorrectly and would be grateful if you could ensure they are holding their pencil correctly at home, reinforcing the grip taught in school. Old habits can be hard to alter later and can often lead to difficulty when they begin joining letters later. The correct grip is:

Correct finger position should involve three fingers—the long finger, the thumb and the index finger. Together they form a tripod to hold the pencil, as shown in the illustration. The tip of the index finger should rest on top of the pencil. All five fingers should bend slightly. A ball should be able to fit inside the hand when being held correctly and the index finger should not be bent.





This is the ideal pencil grip with the thumb, index and middle fingers holding the pencil. Those three fingers can move freely because the ring and little finger are curled gently into the palm, giving the hand stability.

We have sent a letter formation sheet home with your child. Please could you ensure they are forming their letters correctly when writing anything, as this leads also to great difficulty when joining letters. For homework could your child complete the hand writing sheet and continue to practise writing their full name so they can recall it from memory.

In mathematics we have continued to practise our counting and have been learning how to add two numbers together. The children have been taught when adding to start with the largest number first and to count on. Please complete the maths homework sheet which has been sent home.

Don't forget homework also includes the computer website Education City, which we regularly change. The website address, your child's personal ID and password are available at a cost of £2.00. If you do not have computer facilities, then please let us know so we can make arrangements.

Just a reminder PE is on Wednesday. We still have not had some children's kits in so please send them soon.

Thank-you for your help,

Mrs. Andrea Partington, Miss Ruth Hudson, Mrs. Nina Sydenham & Mrs. Rachel Skinner

## Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time there was not one, not two, but three Billy Goats Gruff who lived beside a stream.

Early One morning they woke up and wanted to cross the bridge to eat some fresh green grass on the other side.

First Baby Billy Goat Gruff went trip trap, trip trap over the bridge.

"Who goes trip trap, trip trap over the bridge?" said the Troll.

"It is I, Baby Billy Goat Gruff."

"Then I'll eat you up," replied the Troll gruffly.

"No, no - wait for my older brother. He is far fatter than I."

So the Troll let the Baby Billy Goat pass by.

Next middle-sized Billy Goat Gruff went trip trap, trip trap over the bridge.

"Who goes trip trap, trip trap over the bridge?" said the Troll.

"It is middle sized Billy Goat Gruff."

"Then I'll eat you up," replied the Troll gruffly.

"No, no - wait for my older brother. He is far fatter than I."

So the Troll let the middle sized Billy Goat pass by.

Finally Big Billy Goat Gruff went trip trap, trip trap over the bridge.

"Who goes trip trap, trip trap over the bridge?" said the Troll.

"It is I, Big Billy Goat Gruff."

"Then I'll eat you up," replied the Troll gruffly.

"Oh no you won't!" said Big Billy Goat Gruff. Big Billy Goat Gruff went trip trap, trip trap and BANGED the troll into the water with a might SPLASH!!

Finally, the three Billy Goats Gruff ate the fresh green grass and lived happily ever after.

