

## **SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO DEVELOP FLUENT HANDWRITING**

## **Lower-case letter** formation phrases

**Unit 2: Curly letter family** 

| Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase   | Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase   |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|
|                 | Curl around the cat.   |                 | Around the queen's face, down her robe and a flick at the end. |
|                 | Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.           |                 | Around the elephant's eye and curl down its trunk.             |
|                 | Around the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet. | S               | Down the snake from head to tail.                              |
|                 | Around the goat's face and curl under its chin.              |                 | Down the flamingo to its foot and across its wings.            |
|                 | All around the octopus.                                      |                 |  |

## **Unit 3: Long letter family**

| Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase                    | Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
|                 | Down the lollipop stick.            |                 | Down the jellyfish and dot its head.                 |
|                 | Down the iguana and dot the leaf.   |                 | Down and around the umbrella and back to the ground. |
|                 | Down the tiger and across its neck. |                 | Down, around the yo-yo and curl around the string.   |

**Unit 4: Bouncy letter family** 

| Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase                                   | Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase                                     |
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|                 | Down, up and over the mouse's ears.                | 6               | Down the bear's back,<br>up and around its<br>tummy. |
|                 | Down, up and over the net.                         |                 | Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.     |
|                 | From the cloud to the ground and over the rainbow. |                 | Down, up and over the helicopter.                    |

## Unit 5: Zig-zag letter family

| Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase  | Letter mnemonic | Formation phrase  |
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|                 | Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top.                                     |                 | Across the top of the zebra's head, zig-zag down its neck and along.        |
|                 | Down and up and down and up the waves.  |                 | Down the kite, up to<br>the top corner and<br>down to the bottom<br>corner. |
|                 | From the top, across the box to the bottom. From the top again, across the box to the bottom. |                 |   |