

# EYFS Catch Up!

Week ending: 17th March 2023

Look at what's been happening in the Early Years during Spring 2!

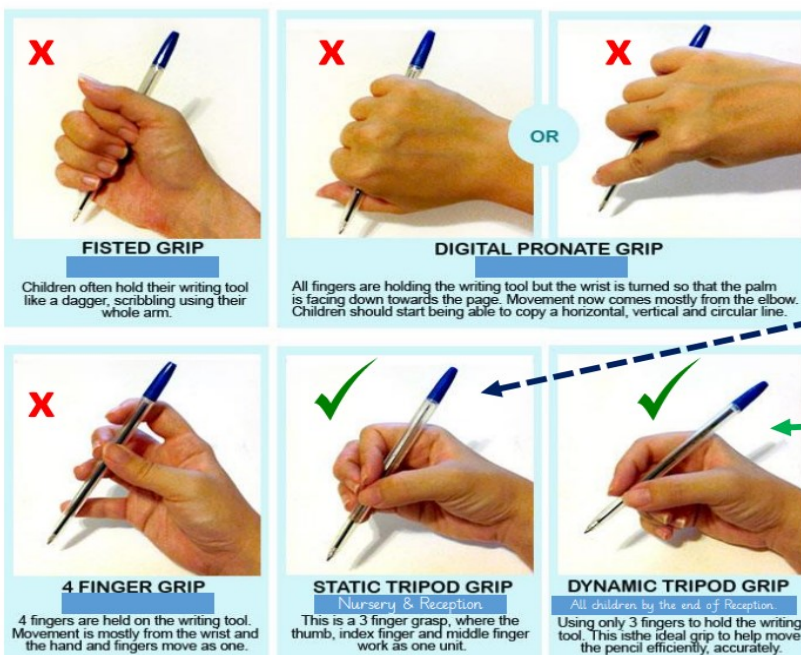
What has happened in Nursery recently?	What has happened in Reception recently?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nightingale have moved class! The children have settled really well and are enjoying their new space.</li> <li>We made clay ladybirds and explored the forest school water ramps.</li> <li>We have been making minibeasts out of different materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have learnt about two celebrations, Mother's day and St Patrick's day.</li> <li>We went on a sound walk around the school.</li> <li>We have been practising our handwriting using tramlines.</li> <li>We have been learning about London and famous landmarks.</li> </ul>

## Upcoming events:

- Easter bonnet parade 31st March 2023– prizes will be awarded for the most creative!
- Nursery trip to King George's Park on 24th March 2023– a big thank you to the volunteers who are coming with us!

## Reminders:

- We love hearing about your child's achievements outside of school. If you have something you would like to celebrate, please send a picture to the school office email and they will get sent to the class teacher!



The grid shows six different ways to hold a pen, each with a red 'X' or a green checkmark. The first three are marked with a red 'X' and are labeled as 'FISTED GRIP', 'DIGITAL PRONATE GRIP', and '4 FINGER GRIP'. The last three are marked with a green checkmark and are labeled as 'STATIC TRIPOD GRIP' and 'DYNAMIC TRIPOD GRIP'. A blue dashed arrow points from the 'DIGITAL PRONATE GRIP' towards the 'STATIC TRIPOD GRIP', and a green dashed arrow points from the '4 FINGER GRIP' towards the 'DYNAMIC TRIPOD GRIP'.

**FISTED GRIP**  
Children often hold their writing tool like a dagger, scribbling using their whole arm.

**DIGITAL PRONATE GRIP**  
All fingers are holding the writing tool but the wrist is turned so that the palm is facing down towards the page. Movement now comes mostly from the elbow. Children should start being able to copy a horizontal, vertical and circular line.

**4 FINGER GRIP**  
4 fingers are held on the writing tool. Movement is mostly from the wrist and the hand and fingers move as one.

**STATIC TRIPOD GRIP**  
Nursery & Reception  
This is a 3 finger grasp, where the thumb, index finger and middle finger work as one unit.

**DYNAMIC TRIPOD GRIP**  
All children by the end of Reception.  
Using only 3 fingers to hold the writing tool. This is the ideal grip to help move the pencil efficiently, accurately.

This is the grip some children find more comfortable to start with in Nursery and Reception.

This is the grip we encourage and promote at Floreat Wandsworth.

X = eliminating these habits early on leads to rapid progress in writing!

# Nursery photos



# Reception photos

