

Writing

In Prep, students focus on their writing confidence and knowledge in print. The teacher models writing on a daily basis and regular shared writing experiences take place, where the students and teacher construct text together.

The writing program is explicitly linked to the listening and speaking component of English as students engage in oral work before recording their ideas. Students are explicitly taught how to hold a pencil and how to write letters of the alphabet, discussing starting points and direction.

During Term 1, the emphasis is on the purpose of writing to convey a message or an idea and that spoken sounds can be written. Throughout the writing process, Students first draw their ideas and are supported to identify initial sounds in words and to write the corresponding letter/s. Being able to 'read' their own written texts (even when it is just marks on a page) is integral to the writing process.

