



SUPERsonic

Phonic Friends

Curly Cal and his Handwriting Pals
Beginners

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The creators of Supersonic Phonic Friends have developed a series of handwriting resource to complement their phonics scheme called "Curly Cal and his Handwriting Pals."

Using this resource, supports children to remember the shapes of letters and the way in which they are formed. This is done through the actions and the alliterative pictures depicted with each letter. Letters are created through joining lines and curving shapes in a particular way. The letters have a specific start point and set directional pushes and pulls of the pencil to reach the specific end point. This is why the letters are taught in letter families rather than the order of the alphabet and why they have a green leaf where to start and a red leaf where to finish. We have three special characters to support the children in their learning, Len, Cal and Zippy and 3 letter families to teach the children how to form the letters in print.

- Len's Ladder letters
- Cal's Curly letters
- Zippy's Zigzag letters

The duration of the programme approximately 8 to 16 weeks to learn how to form letters and write simple CVC words from The Basics 2 and early Basics 3.

Beginning the Programme

Children can start the programme when they show readiness. Len's Ladder Letters when they have been taught Group 5 of The Basics 2 phonics. This will be taught discretely for ten minutes a day twice a day for 2 intensive weeks.

I can statements	
I can	Copy pre handwriting patterns
I can	Form recognisable letters
I can	Listen, recognise, build read and write Group 1 – Group 5.
I can	Read left to right the whole way through a word
I can	Show a willingness and interest in forming letters
I can	Show a can do attitude and enjoy handwriting

The Basics 2	
Group 1	s a t p
Group 2	i n m d
Group 3	g o c k
Group 4	ck e u r
Group 5	h b f l
Group 6	ll ff ss



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The progression of Curly Cal and his Handwriting Pals is in the order outlined below. The programme can last anywhere between 8 – 16 weeks dependent upon your weekly evaluations to consider if children need to repeat the week for further practised and repeated use.

Handwriting Families		Suggested Duration
Len's Ladder Letters 1	l t i u y j	2 – 4 weeks
Curly Cals Letters	c o a d g q e f s	3 – 6 weeks
Len's Ladder Letters 2	r m n h b p k	2 – 4 weeks
Zippy's Zigzag Letters	v w x z	1 – 2 weeks



Len's Ladder Letters 1

Children will start Len's Ladder Letters 1 when they have been taught Group 5 of The Basics 2 phonics. This will be taught discretely for ten minutes a day twice a day for 2 intensive weeks.



Len's Ladder Letters

Day 1	l
Day 2	t
Day 3	i
Day 4	l t i
Day 5	l t i
Day 6	u
Day 7	y
Day 8	j
Day 9	u y j
Day 10	u y j



Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
l	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
t	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
i	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
l t i	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	Write lit		
l t i	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	Write lit		
I can: Form l Form t Form i Write the CVC word lit		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
u	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
y	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
j	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
u y j	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
u y j	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
I can: Form u Form y Form j Write the CVC word lit		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Cal's Curly Letters

Children will progress Cal's Curly Letters have been taught Len's Ladder Letters. This will be taught discretely for ten minutes a day twice a day for 3 intensive weeks.



Cal's Curly Letters

Day 1	c	Day 11	g
Day 2	o	Day 12	q
Day 3	a	Day 13	e
Day 4	c	Day 14	s
Day 5	o	Day 15	f
Day 6	a	Day 16	e
Day 7	d	Day 17	f
Day 8	g	Day 18	s
Day 9	q	Day 19	all
Day 10	d	Day 20	all



Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
c	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
o	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
a	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
c o a	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	cat cot		
c o a	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	cat cot		
I can: Form c Form o Form a Write the CVC word cat cot cut		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
d	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	cod lid		
g	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	jug dug tug cog		
q	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
d g q	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	cod lid jug dug cog tug		
d g q	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	cod lid jug dug cog tug		
I can: Form d Form g Form q Write the CVC word as listed		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
e	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	jet ted get		
f	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	n/a		
s	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	sat sit sad		
e f s	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
e f s	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
I can: Form e Form f Form s Write the CVC word as listed		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Len's Ladder Letters 2

Children will start Len's Ladder Letters 2 when they have been taught Len's Ladder Letters 1 and Curly Cal Letters.
This will be taught discretely for ten minutes a day twice a day for 3 intensive weeks.



Len's Ladder Letters 2

Day 1	r
Day 2	n
Day 3	m
Day 4	r
Day 5	n
Day 6	m
Day 7	h
Day 8	b
Day 9	p
Day 10	k



Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
r	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	rug rat rot rag		
n	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	man men net nut		
m	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	mat mug mud mad jam		
rnm	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
rnm	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
I can: Form r Form n Form m Write the CVC word as listed		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
h	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	hat hug hot hit		
b	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	bat bed bud bag		
p	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	pat pan pit pad		
k	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	kid kit kick sock		
h b p k	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
I can: Form h Form b Form p Form k Write the CVC word as listed		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		

Zippy's Zigzag Letters

Children will start Zippy's Zigzag Letters when they have been taught Len's Ladder Letters 1, Curly Cal Letters and Len's Ladder Letters 2. This will be taught discretely for ten minutes a day twice a day for 1 intensive weeks.



Zippy's Zig Zag Letters

Day 1	v
Day 2	w
Day 3	x
Day 4	z
Day 5	v w x z



Teach	Practise Formation	Apply Write CVC words	Evaluation	Playful Environmental Challenges
V	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	van vet		
W	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	win wet wig wag		
X	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	mix fix wax box fox		
Z	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	zap zip zig zag		
V W X Z	Large Letter Practise fingers Large Letter Practise Pens Little Letter Practise Pens Workbook	All words above		
I can: Form v Form w Form x Form z Write the CVC word as listed		Overall Evaluation Focus Children		