



HORBURY BRIDGE CE J&I ACADEMY

Introducing Letter Formation: rhymes

The following 'rhymes' may help used to children to remember how to form each letter and are linked to the pictures used to introduce the letter sounds.

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| a | Round the apple, down the leaf (Apple) | n | Down Nobby and over his net (Football net) |
| b | Down the laces to the heel, round the toe (Boot) | o | All around the orange (Orange) |
| c | Curl around the caterpillar (Caterpillar) | p | Down the plait and over the pirate's face (Pirate) |
| d | Round his bottom, up his tall neck, down to his feet (Dinosaur) | q | Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair (Queen) |
| e | Lift off the top and scoop out the egg (Egg) | r | Down his back, then curl over his arm (Robot) |
| f | Down the stem and draw the leaves (Flower) | s | Slither down the snake (Snake) |
| g | Round her face, down her hair and give her a curl (Girl) | t | Down the tower, across the tower (Tower) |
| h | Down the head to the hooves and over his back (Horse) | u | Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle (Umbrella) |
| i | Down the body, dot for the head (Insect) | v | Down a wing, up a wing (Vulture) |
| j | Down his body, curl and dot (Jack in a box) | w | Down, up, down, up (Worm) |
| k | Down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg (Kangaroo) | x | Down the arm and leg and repeat the other side (Exercise) |
| l | Down the long leg (Leg) | y | Down a horn up a horn and under his head (Yak) |
| m | Maisie, mountain, mountain (Maisie with mountains) | z | Zig-zag-zig (Zip) |



Number Formation: rhymes

| All numbers start at the top and should be formed in one fluent movement | |
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| 0 | Start at the top and around we go, now you've made the number zero |
| 1 | Start at the top and down we run, that's the way you make a one |
| 2 | Round at the top and then a shoe, that's the way you make a two |
| 3 | Around the tree and around the tree, that's the way you make a three |
| 4 | Down and across and down some more, that's the way you make a four |
| 5 | Short neck, belly fat, number five wears a hat |
| 6 | Down and around to make a loop; number six rolls a hoop |
| 7 | Across the sky and down from heaven, that's the way you make a seven |
| 8 | Make an 's' and close the gate. Now you've made a number eight |
| 9 | Round the circle and down the line, that's the way you make a nine |
| 10 | A one and an egg laid by a hen, that's the way you make a ten |

Introducing Letter Formation: direction of formation



Letter formation starts at the • and follows the arrows

All letters and numbers start at the top with the exception of **d** which starts like an **a** but extends on the upward stroke.

Letters are formed in one fluent movement apart from **k** and cross strokes on **f** and **t** which need the pencil to be lifted off the letter.



