

Module Eleven:

The role of the Alphabet Poster and the role of the Alphabetic Code Chart - and the importance of handwriting

Module Eleven: Part 1

a) The alphabet and the alphabetic code

To understand the importance of distinguishing between the *alphabet* and the *alphabetic code*

To appreciate the full scope of using an *Alphabet Poster*, and other resources, to teach various aspects of the alphabet and handwriting – including some links with the *sounds* of the alphabetic code and phonics skills

To be aware of the need to teach the notion of ‘fonts’ and their different uses

**The role of the
Alphabet Poster
and the role of the
Alphabetic Code Chart**

Bank of **all** letter shapes

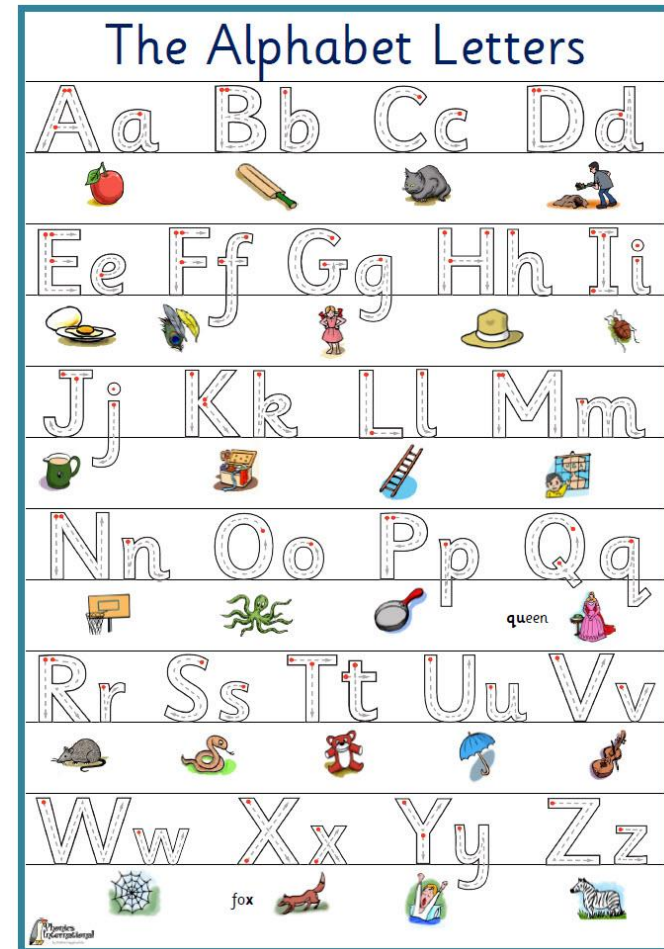
*Handwriting

*Alphabetical order:
e.g. class register

Introduce letter **names**
with an alphabet song

*Also '**Say the sounds**'

[Capital letters **same**
code as lower case]



The Alphabet

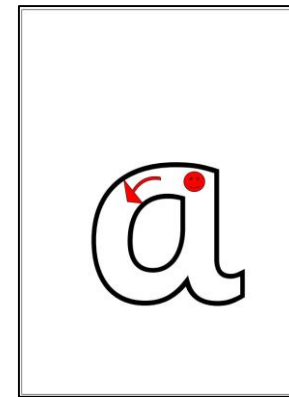
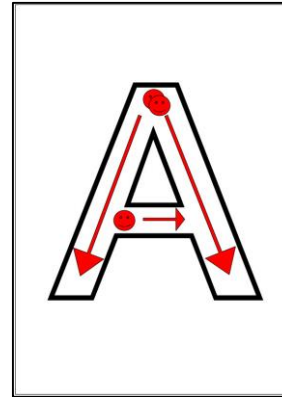
Bank of letter shapes – **all written** words made up of **ONLY these** letter shapes (very reassuring!)

Purpose – to enable communication through writing (what would happen to ‘messages’ without writing?)

Function – capital letters compared to lower case letters
(Introduce capital letters from the outset and say they’re **code for the same sounds** but used for ‘**special**’ reasons like the beginning of ‘**special names**’ such as the children’s names.)

Formation – directionality, shape, size, position on line
(Show letters **on lines** from the outset.)

The Alphabet: letter formation alphabetical order



The Alphabet

Aa Bb Cc Dd
Ee Ff Gg Hh
Ii Jj Kk Ll
Mm Nn Oo
Pp Qq Rr Ss
Tt Uu Vv Ww
Xx Yy Zz

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The Alphabet Letters

Aa Bb Cc Dd
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Can you sing The Alphabet song ?

A	a	B	b	C	c
D	d	E	e	F	f
G	g	H	h	I	i
J	j	K	k	L	l
M	m	N	n	O	o
P	p	Q	q	R	r
S	s	T	t	U	u
V	v	W	w	X	x
Y	y	Z	z		

Learn more about the alphabet song at www.edmentum.com.
The New SOURCE also includes a spelling words section.

The Alphabet:

linking first sounds with letters

linking capital and lower case letters

Teeny Reading Seeds Match the letters with the picture words.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
h	i	j				
o	p	qu				
v	w	x				

Teeny Reading Seeds Say the words and the first sound of the words.

matching game
www.phonicsmaterial.com

Say the picture-words and first sounds. Link to the letter shapes.

e	x	j
w	s	p
m	c	i
g	qu	f
h	l	d
t	b	z
o	r	n
y	v	a
k	u	

Link the first sound of each picture-word to the letter shape.

CAPITAL letters and first sounds matching game

W	E	Y
D	S	F
K	I	M
T	A	J
G	V	X
R	P	C
B	U	Z
N	Qu	L
O	Sh	H

lower case letters and first sounds matching game

p	d	z
h	u	k
a	r	g
y	t	m
e	qu	v
s	i	b
l	w	o
c	n	f
x	ch	j

A a

A a

See the letter 'a' and say 'a'!

Mime the starting of an apple held in your hand. Say 'a' in your mouth again wide as to take a bite of the apple.

A a a

A a a

A a

B b

The Alphabet Letters

Aa Bb Cc Dd

Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii

Jj Kk Ll Mm

Nn Oo Pp Qq

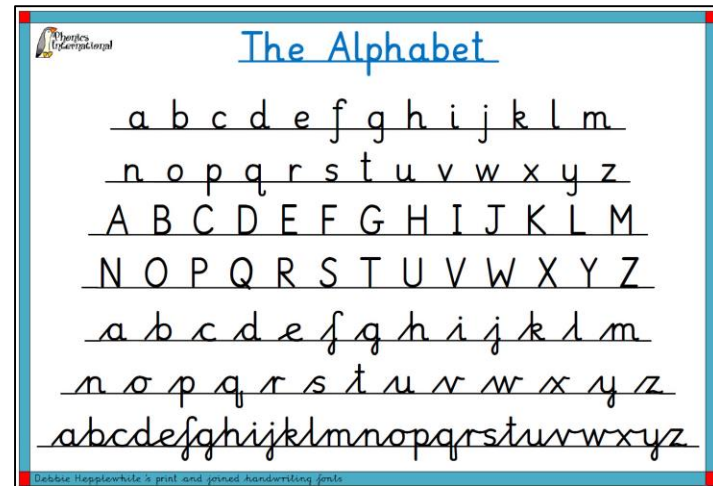
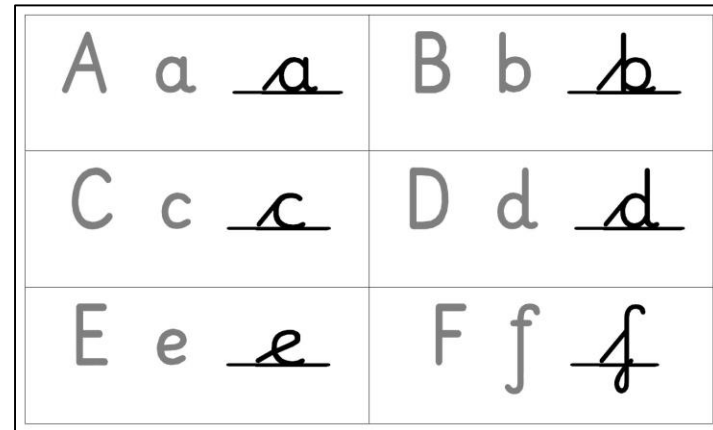
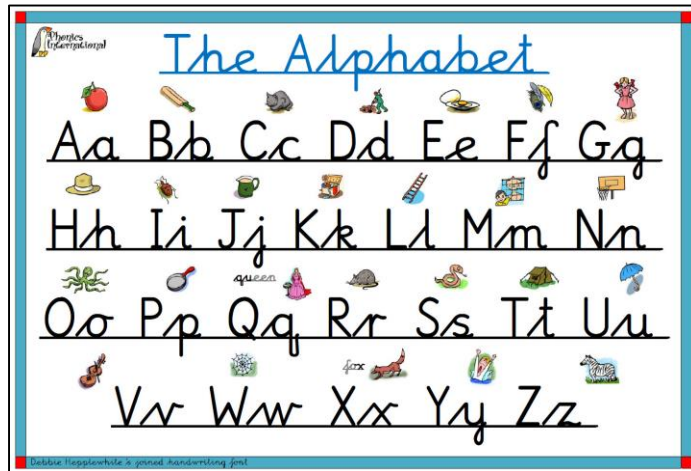
Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv

Ww Xx Yy Zz

CAPITAL and lower case letters and order for the speech in words

S	s	A	a	T	t
I	i	P	p	N	n
C	c	K	k	E	e
H	h	R	r		
M	m	D	d	G	g
O	o	U	u	L	l
F	f	B	b	J	j
Y	y	W	w		
Z	z	V	v	X	x
Q	q			Qu	qu

The Alphabet: cursive writing



Fonts

Talk about (and show) different fonts

A A a a a a a

G G g g g g g

Set of Alphabet **Font** Flash Cards available to download

Free Resources page: www.phonicsinternational.com