

Write Dance

Write Dance is an exciting and innovative programme which uses music and movement to introduce handwriting to children. Ranghild A Oussoren developed the approach in Holland ten years ago and it has gone on to capture the imagination of children and teachers across Europe.

At Little Tinkers preschool practitioners implement Write Dance in the session time on a weekly basis to support and encourage the children in developing these skills to further their learning. Not only does it help to develop the Child's physical skills and co-ordination for writing, it also encourages creativity, self expression and confidence.

The Write Dance movements are designed to help children feel happy and comfortable with their bodies, improving their motor skills and providing a strong foundation for writing.

The programme supports the Be Healthy, Enjoy and Achieve outcome of the Every Child Matters agenda. It also links to the following aspects within the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation stage:

- Creative Development through imaginative play, music and dance
- Physical Development through movement using equipment and materials
- Communication, Language and Literacy through handwriting
- Personal Social and Emotional Development through increasing self-confidence and self-esteem

This exciting and innovative programme benefits all children but has also been found very helpful for children with special education needs, from learning difficulties to dyspraxia too.