



In **Reception** and **Year 1**, the children learn to form each letter accurately in shape, size, starting and finishing places.

We talk about letter families, to help the children understand that each letter in that family start in the same way:

Curly family: all the letters start with the curly 'c' shape
c, o, a, d, g, q, s, e, f

Ladder family: all the letters start above the line and move in a downwards direction towards the line
l, t, h, b, i, u, y, j

Robot family: all the letters start above the line and move in a downwards direction towards the line
Before going back up the line and over the robots arm
r, n, m, p, k

Spikey family: all letters start above the line and have sharp pointy changes in direction
v, w, x, z