

Handwriting

We are learning to join our letters. This is the first join.
You can practise joining these words at home.

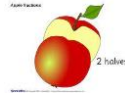
The swings pattern helps with the basic join so practise it often:

We have learned to use the basic join to join Set 1 letters to Set 2 letters. Some letters occur in both sets and can be joined together without a break. They are:

i a c d e m n u

Practise writing the words below which are all made up from the eight letters above. Take care to get your ascenders and descenders the right height.

ace acid aim cad came
mend day mind age
acid game dim again
cane dame den dice
dime din dine in mane
mean men mend mice
mind mine mud name nun



Fractions

We are learning to recognise halves ($\frac{1}{2}$), quarters ($\frac{1}{4}$) and thirds ($\frac{1}{3}$).

Try these fraction challenges at home.

Halves: Split an apple in half. Split a pizza into two halves. Each time check that both halves are equal.

Split a pile of 14 clothes pegs in half – how many are in each half? Try more examples of your own.

Quarters: Split an apple into quarters. Check that the pieces are the same size!

Cut a slice of toast into quarters. How many pieces do you have?

Share 16 raisins equally between 4 people. Each person has a quarter of the raisins. How many does each person have? Try more examples of your own.

Thirds: Split a biscuit into thirds. Check that the pieces are the same size!

Split a slice of bread into thirds. How many pieces are there? Are the pieces equal?

Share 15 sweets equally between 3 people. Each person has a third of the sweets. How many does each person have? Try more examples of your own.

Measure

Encourage your child to find everyday uses for measurement, such as:

- Comparing weights of items in the supermarket. What items are the most expensive by weight?
- Following recipes
- Experimenting with the capacity of differently shaped bottles/jugs
- Use a tape measure to find the length/width of rooms in the house.
- Create their own unit of measurement. How many frying pans long is their bedroom? How wide is a plate in dried pasta pieces?