The building blocks of writing

I can use the muscles in my hand and arm to make big movements.

I can effectively grasp objects of varying sizes and develop an effective pincer grip.

I can make big movements.

I can make marks using any part of my body.

I can make marks on paper – vertical, horizontal lines and circles.

I can thread beads / blocks onto a lace with a stiffened end.

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I can hear and match a sound to the correct letter.

I can hear a word and break it down into individual sounds (segment and blend).

I can listen to sounds and repeat them myself.

I can isolate and press firmly with my right and left index fingers.

I can understand positional / spatial language e.g. top, bottom, across.

I can tolerate different textures (touch sensitivity).

I can build an accurate, stable tower of 10 2cm blocks.

I can write simple three letter words independently e.g. cat, mud.

I can consistently use the same mark to represent something e.g. myself, member of my family.

If the lower levels are missing then the rest of the tower will come crashing down!
I enjoy listening to stories and sharing books. I can listen and identify different sounds and noises in my environment. I can make different sounds with my mouth. I can listen to sounds and know which are the same and which are different. I can put three sounds together and say what word that makes. I enjoy playing sound games, making up silly words beginning with the same letter. I can listen to sounds and repeat them myself. I know that symbols on a page have meaning and can be ‘read’. I can talk about the pictures and characters in books and make up my own stories. I can say which words have the same beginning or end sounds. I can say simple three letter words independently e.g. cat, mud. I can talk about the pictures and characters in books and make up my own stories. I can see words and labels in my environment and talk about them. I can see words and labels in my environment and talk about them. I can look at a symbol on a page and say the sound it represents. I can read simple three letter words independently e.g. cat, mud. If the lower levels are missing then the rest of the tower will come crashing down!