



Pre-Writing Skills at Christmas Time....

How can you help??

What we are working towards....

- **Pencil grasp:** The effectiveness of how the pencil is held.
- **Hand eye coordination:** The ability to process information received from the eyes to control, guide and direct the hands.
- **Object manipulation:** The ability to skilfully manipulate tools (including holding and moving pencils and scissors)
- **Hand dominance:** The consistent use of one (usually the same) hand for tasks, which allows skills to develop.
- **Hand and finger strength:** To make the muscles strong enough to control the pencil



How can we do it?

A 'letter' to Santa, or a Christmas card - making marks is an important part of learning to write -can your child tell you what it says?

Cutting wrapping paper -holding the scissors and making snips can help with strengthening our fingers and our grip.

Helping to wrap paper around Christmas presents.

Writing on the Christmas present tags.

Talking about the Christmas food shopping list - can your child make their own list or contribute to yours? Could they choose between two items?

Fun Time! Could you take a picture of your favourite Christmas present to bring to school in January? Lets talk and Write about our holidays....