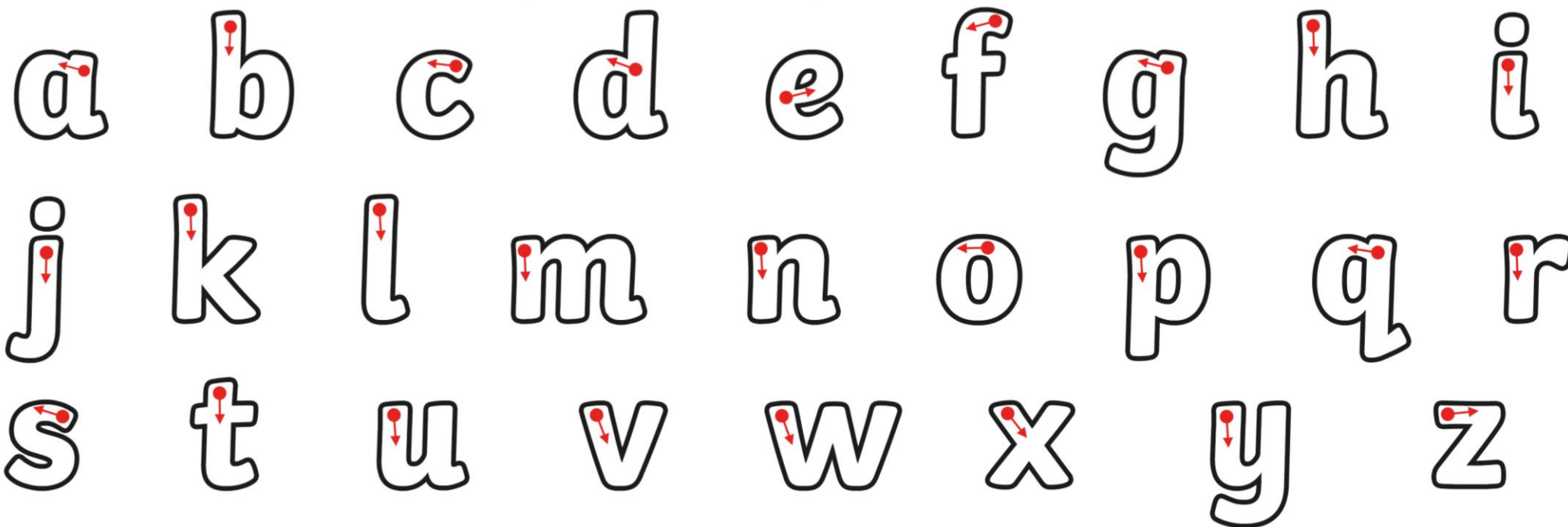


Writing practice at home

It is important that your child practises writing whilst they are not at school. Depending on the age of your child, they may be over-copying/tracing over letters, writing some letters on their own or even writing words!

Letter formation

This refers to how we write the letters. It is important that children practise to write lowercase letters and not uppercase as they will use lowercase letters more than uppercase letters for writing. This is because we only need to write uppercase letters for the first letter of names, months, days and at the beginning of a sentence/after a full stop. The picture below shows how lowercase letters should be written. The red arrow/dot shows where to start writing the letter from. When writing letters with your child it is also helpful to talk about the shape and what you are doing as you write it. For example, when writing the letter 'a' - "we go round, all the way up, back down again and flick".



Remember... it is fine if your child is not yet able to write letters on their own or from memory. If they are struggling, you can help them to practise writing letters by writing the letters in a lighter coloured pen/pencil and then they write over the letter in a darker pen/pencil. Once they are able to do this accurately, you can write the letter and then ask them to copy the letter underneath. It is also helpful for all children when writing if they have a line to write on.