



Road map to Progress EYFS – Fine Motor Skills

2-3 year old

AUTUMN

- Pick up and hold a variety of objects.
- Use whole-hand grasp to manipulate resources.
- Squeeze, press and poke malleable materials.
- Release objects intentionally.

SPRING

- Begin using fingers more independently.
- Stack and balance small objects.
- Use simple tools such as scoops and chunky crayons.
- Place objects into containers with increasing accuracy.

SUMMER

- Pick up smaller objects using thumb and fingers.
- Begin to manipulate tools with greater control.
- Snip dough using dough scissors with support.
- Thread large beads.

3-4 year old

AUTUMN

- Use one-handed tools with increasing control.
- Build detailed constructions using smaller resources.
- Use large tweezers and tongs.
- Show increasing accuracy when placing and positioning objects.

SPRING

- Use scissors to make snips in paper.
- Thread beads and other small resources.
- Use a comfortable pencil grip increasingly consistently.
- Manipulate small objects with precision.

SUMMER

- Use scissors with increasing control.
- Demonstrate a stronger tripod-style grip when drawing and mark making.
- Control small movements with accuracy.
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Reception

AUTUMN

- Consistently use a comfortable tripod grip.
- Use scissors to cut along lines.
- Manipulate small objects and tools accurately.
- Demonstrate increasing pencil control.

SPRING

- Use tools accurately for a specific purpose.
- Cut complex shapes with greater control.
- Use pencils with stamina and confidence.
- Complete intricate threading and construction tasks.

SUMMER

- Write with increasing fluency and stamina.
- Use scissors, pencils and tools confidently and accurately.
- Complete detailed tasks independently.
- Manipulate small objects with speed and precision.