Skills progression template: Chalking/Mark-making

Skill Level	Potential resources	What a child may do in this Element	Possible handgrip	Potential pre-writing symbols	Example drawing progression
Element 8 -	Please see element 4	Children will record letters in joined cursive.	Tripod Grasp Quadruped Grasp	N/A	N/A
Element 7 -	Please see element 4	Children will begin to form letters in a cursive style but won't necessarily join.	Tripod Grasp Quadruped Grasp	N/A	N/A
Element 6 -	Please see element 4	Children will confidently form all letters in print form.	Tripod Grasp Quadruped Grasp	N/A	N/A
Element 5 - Schematic	Please see element 4	Children will confidently form letters (most of which are formed correctly). Children will draw detailed pictures containing multiple characters/items. Children will select a brush size for a purpose.	Tripod Grasp Quadruped Grasp	\triangle \times	
Element 4	Thin chalks Dust free chalks Chalk pens	Children will be able to record letters that are consistently recognisable. Children will choose a colour for a reason when mark-making.	Tripod Grasp Quadruped Grasp		

Element 3 - The preschematic.	Chunky chalks Chalk pens	Children will begin to make marks with an intentional outcome. For example, to draw a picture of a loved one. Children will draw stick figures, starting with a circle head and two legs. Children will begin to record letters of meaning to them. (First letter of their name.) Children will begin to pick a dominant hand for mark-making. Children will actively seek out mark-making experiences.	Palmar Supinate Grasp Digital Pronate Grasp Quadruped Grasp	0+	A Common of the
Element 2 - The scribble.	Please see element 1	Children will begin to make marks by choice but without a desired outcome. Children will pass the mark-making instrument between both hands. No dominant hand. Children will mark-make on any surface possible (even walls!).	Palmar Supinate Grasp Digital Pronate Grasp		
Element 1	Ultra large pencil chalks Chunky chalks	Children will make marks at random on a variety of surfaces. Children will enjoy smearing foods to make marks. Children will use their whole body to make marks.	Palmar Supinate Grasp		

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