**Handwriting Practice**

Give your child a piece of paper to copy the following text in their neatest handwriting. Ensure that your child is holding the pencil correctly and sitting in a comfortable position before they begin. Remember to form your letters the correct way!

Monday:

**Once upon a time there was a little red hen who lived on a farm. Early one morning she found some corn. ‘Who will help me plant the corn?’ said the little red hen. ‘Not I,’ said the bull. ‘Not I,’ said the cat. ‘Not I,’ said the rat. ‘Oh very well then I’ll do it myself,’ said the little red hen and so she did.**

Tuesday:

**Once upon a time a little old woman made a gingerbread man and put him in the oven to bake. Suddenly, the gingerbread man jumped out of the oven and ran out of the house as fast as he could. “Stop stop!” shouted the little old woman but the gingerbread man did not stop running. He shouted; “Run, run, as fast as you can! You can’t catch me! I’m the Gingerbread Man!”**

Wednesday:

**Yesterday, we went on a dinosaur egg hunt. First, we zipped up our coats and put on our wellies. Next, we walked through the squishy squelchy mud. YUK! After that, we searched for the eggs. We were very quiet so we did not scare the dinosaurs. Suddenly, we saw a huge footprint. It had three toes and it was much much bigger than our feet! Finally, we found loads of dinosaur eggs. It was so exciting!**

Thursday:

**Once upon a time there were three little pigs who lived with their mother. Early one morning, their mother said, ‘You’re too big for this house. It’s time you left.’ So off they went. The first little pig made a house of straw.**

**Unfortunately, a wolf came creeping by. ‘Little pig, little pig, let me in.’ ‘No, no, no. Not by the hairs on my chinny chin chin. I will not let you in.’ ‘Then I’ll huff and I’ll puff and I’ll blow your house down.’ So the first little pig ran away to find his brothers.**

Friday:

**Once upon a time, there lived a little old man and a little old woman. One day, the little old man planted some turnip seeds.**

**One of the turnips grew... and grew... and grew... until it was enormous. The little old man pulled, and pulled but still the turnip would not budge.**

**The little old man shouted to his wife to help.
Together they pulled, and pulled, but still the turnip would not budge!**

**So they shouted to a boy who was playing in the field.**