In class, the children will be using their handwriting books to copy perfectly the words that are on the side. They will copy the words three times alongside it.

They can then copy the poem on the blank sheet

A Happy Child

by Anonymous

My house is red - a little house
A happy child am I.
I laugh and play the whole day long,
I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,
To shade me from the sun;
And under it I often sit,
When all my play is done.

Notes to bear in mind:

- Before they start, ask them to remind themselves of the good posture needed for handwriting. They need to be sat on a chair with four legs firmly on the floor. Their legs also need to be flat on the floor and they need a straight back. The pencil should be sharp and they should do it silently to keep focus. They should check back at the end.

- Ask your child to explain what an ascender or descender is and remember to show them correctly.

- Ask them to remember finger spaces between words.