Picture-coding

**Objectives**
- To draw attention to the shape and orientation of individual letters.
- To draw attention to target sounds in selected words.
- To draw attention to all the sounds in selected words.

**Teaching point**
Picture-coding is the process of adding Letterland pictogram details to a letter shape. It can be done by teachers and children. It can be used for arts and craft, for board work and for object labels.

**Procedure**
- Children add pictogram details to plain letters. They can draw individual pictogram characters or picture-code whole words.
- To begin with, you may like to provide the plain letter shapes for children to picture-code.
- The children can also make spelling pictures by selecting regular words that can also be illustrated, e.g., cat, red, sun.
- You can also use picture-coding to draw attention to target sounds in words. You don’t have to be an artist - simple ‘hand-code’ the letters by adding stick figures of simple details to the target letters.