

Handwriting

Children are taught cursive handwriting from Year 1 using the Letter Join programme. Handwriting is practised in discrete sessions during the week throughout KS1 and lower KS2. In upper KS2 the expectation is that cursive handwriting has been established and only those children not having met the handwriting expectation will continue with individual interventions to help them improve their handwriting.

There are regular opportunities for children to write up a piece of work in neat, with the focus being on presentation of a piece of work which has already been created. This work is then displayed in classrooms and around the school.

Children are awarded their pen licence once they are able to write cursively consistently.

For those children who have severe difficulties with handwriting, and it is seen to be impeding their ability to produce the required pieces of written work, alpha smarts are used.

Children throughout the school write in blue ink using handwriting pens provided by the school.