English – Handwriting



Intent

Our aim is to make handwriting fluent, joined, and legible that can be performed automatically, so that the attention of the brain is on the content of the writing.

Implementation

Handwriting is taught in discrete sessions three times per week for 15 minutes in EYFS & KS1. Thereafter, time allocation to maintain handwriting development and increase speed and flow, will be regular but at the discretion of the class teacher so long as appropriate progression continues to be made. Handwriting practice takes place on the 6-lined (or 3-lined if appropriate) Kinetic Letters white boards, with a transition to books via the 'practice patch', which is fortnightly in KS1 and weekly in KS2.

Impact

We use the Kinetic Letters scheme of work to ensure the outcomes our pupils achieve are the following:

- Having fluent, legible, and speedy handwriting that can be performed automatically, so that the attention of the brain is on the content of the writing.
- Having the stamina and skills to write at length, with accurate spelling and punctuation.
- Having competence in transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition.
- Writing clearly, accurately, and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.

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4 strands of learning

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Making bodies stronger	Learning the letters	Holding the pencil	Flow and fluency
Physical strengthening of the body	Dynamic movements for learning letter shapes Sensory experiences for memory and recall	Optimal pencil hold for speed and legibility Diagnostic photos for addressing issues	Speed and stamina developed
Motor and spatial preparation			Economy of movement and use of rhythm for speed
			Joining letters in a 12 week programme