

Handwriting Overview 2026-2027

Year Group	Content											
Reception	<i>Children practice physical exercises needed for good handwriting</i>		First Letters		Second Letters		Third Letters		Fourth Letters		Fifth Letters	
			Cc Oo Aa Gg Qq Dd	Ii Ll Tt Kk Jj	Vv Ww Uu Yy Ff	Rr Nn Mm Hh Pp	Bb Ee Ss Xx Zz					
Year 1	<i>Children continue to practice physical exercises needed for good handwriting</i>		First Letters		Second Letters		Third Letters		Fourth Letters		Fifth Letters	
			Cc Oo Aa Gg Qq Dd	Ii Ll Tt Kk Jj	Vv Ww Uu Yy Ff	Rr Nn Mm Hh Pp	Bb Ee Ss Xx Zz					
Year 2	<i>Children continue to practice physical exercises needed for good handwriting</i>		First Letters		Second Letters		Third Letters		Fourth Letters		Fifth Letters	
			Cc Oo Aa Gg Qq Dd	Ii Ll Tt Kk Jj	Vv Ww Uu Yy Ff	Rr Nn Mm Hh Pp	Bb Ee Ss Xx Zz					
Year 3	<i>Individual letter formation is revisited and secured before progressing to joins</i>		First Joins Baseline Joins		il th hi lu in mu un							
			Second Joins Round Joins		cc ca ds ad ea ee as de sc da							
			Third Joins Top Joins		oo on oc oa or ol ri re ov wh wa we rd os ro							
Year 4	<i>Individual letter formation is secure before progressing to joins</i>		First Joins Baseline Joins		il th hi lu in mu un							
			Second Joins Round Joins		cc ca ds ad ea ee as de sc da							
			Third Joins Top Joins		oo on oc oa or ol ri re ov wh wa we rd os ro							
Year 5	<i>Individual letter formation is secure before progressing to joins</i>		First Joins Baseline Joins		il th hi lu in mu un							
			Second Joins Round Joins		cc ca ds ad ea ee as de sc da							
			Third Joins Top Joins		oo on oc oa or ol ri re ov wh wa we rd os ro							
			Break Letters b g j p q y z									
Year 6	<i>Staring out to sea, the mermaid wondered if the storm would return.</i>		First Joins Baseline Joins		il th hi lu in mu un							
			Second Joins Round Joins		cc ca ds ad ea ee as de sc da							
			Third Joins Top Joins		oo on oc oa or ol ri re ov wh wa we rd os ro							
			Break Letters b g j p q y z									