

HANDWRITING AT MESSING PRIMARY

We are revising our handwriting style to help the children with the transition from printing to joined writing. The cursive style we are introducing is exemplified here. The main change is that the letters now have lead ins and exit strokes.

Please have a look.

You can support your child by using a range of media –paint, crayon, felt tip, gel pens, sand etc to make it fun.

- Children begin to join their writing in Year 2.
- In Key stage 2 children may use a 'stabilo' (curved) pen for handwriting practice.
- In Year 5 they also use pen in their work if they have been given a (much coveted) pen licence.
- By Year 6 children are developing their own style and can use any blue writing pen (with guidance from their teacher) if they have a licence.

Remember the more they practice and develop a fluent handwriting style, the easier it is for children to get their creative ideas down on paper.

Please note:

All lower case letters start on the line

- x is joined from letter before not to the following letter.
- g j y have no loops and don't join to the following letter.

The following website has some ideas and worksheets you could use.

<http://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/index.html>

Please feel welcome ask your child's teacher if you have any queries.

Letter formation in Reception/Year 1

The main difference is that the letters have lead ins and exit strokes. This helps the children later when it comes to joining as all the letters start in the same place on the line.

a c d g o q

(Start on the line - over and back)

h m n r p b

(Start on the line - up down and over)

i j t l u y k

(Start on the line - up then down)



e f s w v x z

(Start on the line)

The writing looks a little strange when not joined, but greatly supports children with the transition to joined writing in year2.

