



## Handwriting



In handwriting, we follow the Pen Pals handwriting programme to teach letter formation. Within this scheme, children are taught to write letters that are formed in similar ways (e.g. *l*, *i* and *t*) in a particular order. Children are encouraged to take great care over the presentation of their work. Children practise their handwriting each week during a taught session.

During these sessions, children learn the importance of leaving a space between each word, where each letter sits on a line (including ascenders and descenders) and how to form each letter correctly. They also practise forming each letter so that they are of relative size to other letters.

In Key Stage 1, children are then taught how to join letters. Children are encouraged to transfer this knowledge into all other writing throughout the curriculum.