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Teachers

Handwriting resources, information, tips and advice for teachers of Foundation Stage (4 - 5 year olds), Key Stage 1 (5 - 7 year olds) and Key Stage 2 (7 - 11 year olds).



Parents

Whether you are just helping your child with their handwriting, or need support because they are struggling, our age related resources, information and advice will guide you through the handwriting process.



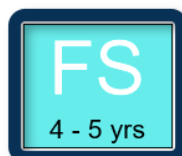
Resources

A quick link to all our free handwriting: practice worksheets, letter animations, games, activities, information and advice.

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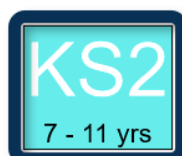
Foundation Stage (4 - 5 year olds)

Concentrating on building both the gross and fine motor skills needed for handwriting and learning the key abilities: pre-handwriting patterns, single letter formation, sitting, pencil grip and paper tilt.



Key Stage 1 (5 - 7 year olds)

Providing resources, information and tips to help you comply with the handwriting requirements of all the UK National Curriculums, for 5 to 7 year olds, together with advice if pupils are struggling.



Key Stage 2 (7 - 11 year olds)

Providing resources, information and tips to help you comply with the handwriting requirements of all the UK National Curriculums, for 7 to 11 year olds, together with advice if pupils are struggling.

📖 **Foundation Stage (Reception)**

📖 **Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)**

📖 **Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)**

Foundation Stage

Handwriting in Foundation Stage (4 - 5 year olds)



UK National Curriculums for handwriting

Statutory requirements plus notes and guidance for teaching handwriting to 4 to 5 year olds in; England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



Handwriting animations and worksheets

Pre-handwriting patterns, single letter and join animations and handwriting worksheets with both picture and colour or just colour clues that support our four Teaching Routes.



Pencil grip for handwriting

The expected pencil grip developmental stages for this age group and advice on how to support children through them.



Sitting position for handwriting

The best sitting position, when handwriting, for both right and left-handed writers.

📖 *Handwriting Animations & Worksheets*

Which Route?

We provide four possible handwriting teaching routes based on the order you want to teach the fonts.

Route A



Route B



Route C



Route D



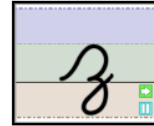
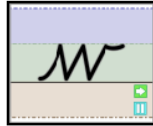
☑ Route D

Which
w x z?

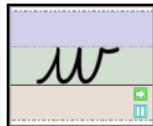
they are formed, not alphabetical order.

As the letters w, x and z can be written in different ways, impacting on which letter family they are taught in, we offer you a choice of 4 letter combinations.

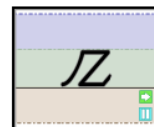
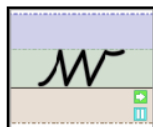
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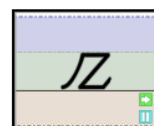
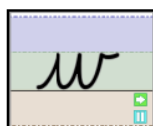
Choice
2



Choice
3



Choice
4



☑ Choice 4

On the next pages are the expectations for each year group. However, individual children may be working at different stages – focus on completing each stage before moving on to the next.

Reception:

Reception children should be holding their pencil correctly, writing on the line and forming **most** lowercase letters correctly.

Pre-handwriting Patterns

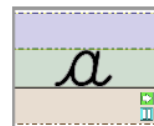


Handwriting - Stage 2

Continuous Cursive Beginners



Continuous Cursive Refiners



Capitals Beginners



Capitals Refiners



Numbers Beginners



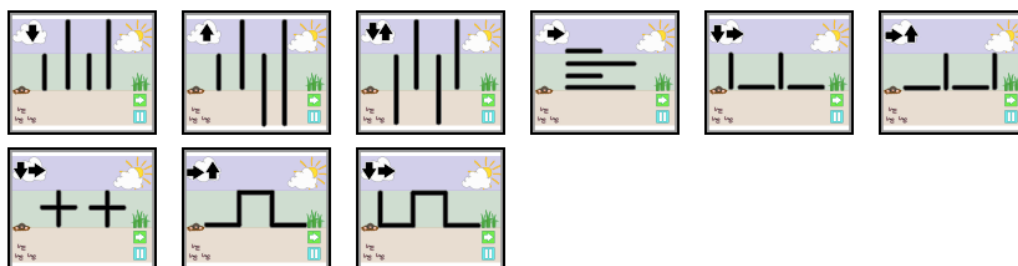
Numbers Refiners



- ☑ Stage 1: Pre-handwriting Patterns
- ☑ Stage 2: Continuous Cursive Beginner
- ☑ Stage 2: Numbers Beginner

Pre-handwriting animations and worksheets

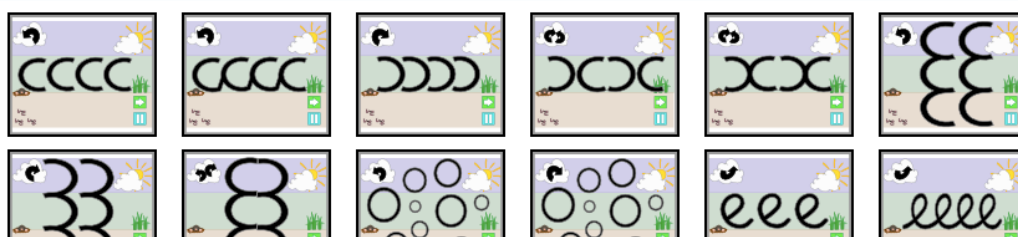
Straight pre-handwriting patterns



[Beginners worksheets](#)

[Refiners worksheets](#)

Curve pre-handwriting patterns



For each pattern/letter/number – click on the image to watch an animation showing how to form correctly, or click below for printable worksheets.

Year 1:

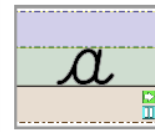
Year 1 children should be writing on the line, holding their pencil correctly and forming **all** numbers and lowercase letters correctly.

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Cursive
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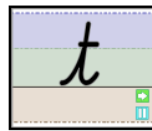
☑ Stage 2: Symbols Beginners (? ! £ only)

☑ Stage 2: Continuous Cursive Refiners (focus on one 'family' at a time)

☑ Stage 2: Capitals Beginners

☑ Stage 2: Numbers Refiners

Straight line Continuous Cursive Letters



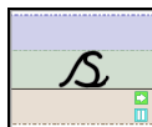
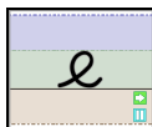
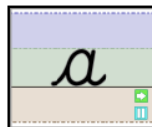
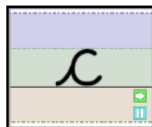
[Colour worksheets](#)



[Lined worksheets](#)

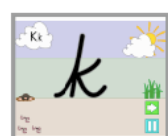
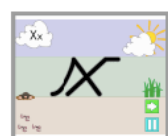
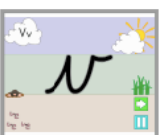
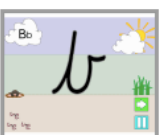


Curves to start Continuous Cursive Letters



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Other Continuous Cursive Letters not part of the Teach Handwriting Scheme



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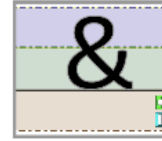
Year 2:

Year 2 children should be forming **all** numbers, capitals and lowercase letters correctly, beginning to join **some** letters and thinking about the relative size of their letters (e.g. d is taller than a.)

Symbols
Beginners

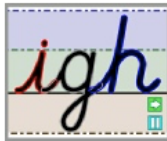


Symbols
Refiners



Handwriting - Stage 3

Letter
Joins



- ☑ Stage 2: Continuous Cursive Refiners (if needed)
- ☑ Stage 2: Capitals Refiners
- ☑ Stage 3: Letter joins (focus on one 'family' at a time)

Continuous Cursive Letter bottom joins



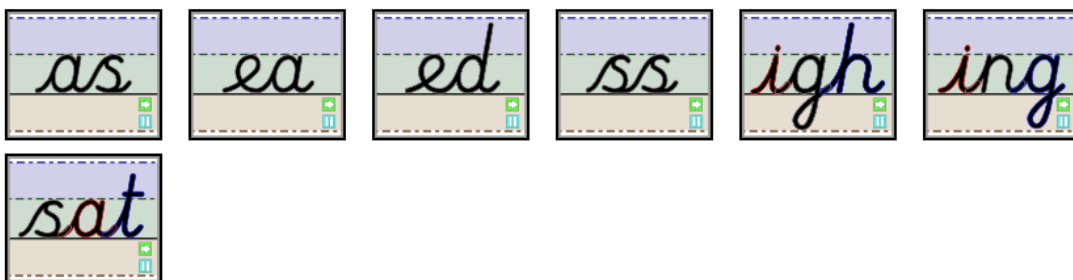
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Continuous Cursive Letter bottom to c shaped letter joins



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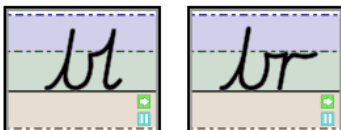


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Year 3,4,5,6:

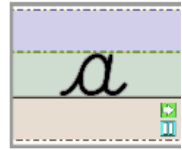
KS2 children should be joining full words, with letters sized appropriately (e.g. d is taller than a). Neatest handwriting is expected at all times.

Handwriting - Stage 2

**Continuous
Cursive
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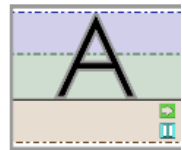
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**Capitals
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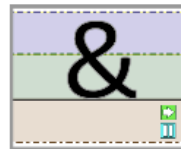
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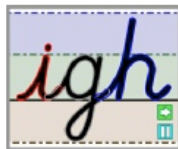


**Symbols
Refiners**



Handwriting - Stage 3

**Letter
Joins**



Address gaps as required from previous year group expectations.

Common difficulties:

- ☐ Stage 2: forming f, x, 8, £
- ☐ Stage 3: joining from the bottom

Support for parents

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Parents' guide to handwriting

Supporting your child's handwriting at home

It can be difficult to know whether your child's handwriting is normal for their age group or whether they would benefit from some extra support at home.

We hope you find our information and resources useful and that they help your child become a happy writer.



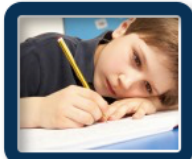
Is your child's handwriting good for their age?

The expected handwriting achievement levels by age range together with the appropriate resources, information and advice to support your child's handwriting.



Want to get the most from our website?

Background information and tips to support you in teaching your child handwriting.



Does your child have a handwriting difficulty?

If the school has identified an issue and asked you to support at home here you'll find advice on supporting your child.