

Penpals for Handwriting: Information for Parents

In Year 1 your child will take part in at least 3 handwriting sessions per week. Building on the knowledge and skills they learnt in reception, the children will continue to learn and consolidate the correct formation of letters.

Your child will be introduced to the lower case letters in four family types:



The long ladder letter family

l i t u j y

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The curly caterpillar letters

c a d o s g q e f

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The zig-zag monster letters

z v w x

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The one-armed robot letters

r b n h m k p

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How you can help

We are continuously practising and consolidating letter formation in our handwriting sessions and throughout the day to ensure that each child is developing a legible style of handwriting.

At home you could support your child by regularly practising and consolidating the correct letter formation.

When practising with your child you could ask these questions:

- Where does the letter start?
- Does it have an ascender? (b, d, f, h, k, l, t)
- Does it have a descender? (g, j, p, q, y)