

Progression in Handwriting



	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Core knowledge	To know how to sit correctly at a table	To know how to sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly	To know and use the correct posture and pencil grip when writing	To know and use the correct posture and pencil grip when writing	To know and use the correct posture and pencil grip when writing	To know and use the correct posture and pencil grip when writing	To know and use the correct posture and pencil grip when writing
	To know which hand is their dominant hand and consistently use it when writing	To know where to start forming lower-case letters	To know how to form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another	To know how to consistently form ascenders and descenders	To know how to consistently form legible handwriting including diagonal and horizontal strokes used to join letters when appropriate	To know how to consistently form legible handwriting including diagonal and horizontal strokes used to join letters when appropriate	To know how to consistently form legible handwriting including diagonal and horizontal strokes used to join letters when appropriate
	To know how to hold a pencil using a tripod grip in almost all cases	To know which direction to form lower-case letters in, finishing in the correct place	To know and use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters	To know and use the diagonal strokes used to join letters when appropriate	To know which letters are best left un-joined when adjacent to one another	To know how to write fluently, including appropriate chose of letter shape and size and whether or not to join letters	To know how to write fluently, including appropriate chose of letter shape and size and whether or not to join letters
	To know how to write recognisable lower-case letters most of which are correctly formed	To know where to start forming capital letters	To know how to form capital letters of the correct size and orientation in relation to one another and to lower case letters	To know and use the horizontal strokes used to join letters when appropriate	To know how to maintain the consistency and quality of their handwriting	To know how to write with increasing speed	To know how to maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed
	To know how to write recognisable capital letters most of which are correctly formed	To know which direction to form capital letters in, finishing in the correct place	To know how to form digits of the correct size and orientation in relation to one another	To know how to consistently form legible handwriting		To know which writing implement is best suited for a task and choose appropriately	To know which writing implement is best suited for a task and choose appropriately
		To know where to start forming digits 0-9	To know how to use spacing between words the reflects the size of the letters				
		To know which direction to form digits 0-9 in, finishing in the correct place					
	To know which letters, belong to different handwriting 'families'						
	To know the rules for forming the letters within these handwriting families						
	To know how to use finger spaces between words						