

Handwriting – how you can support your children with their presentation.

At St. Andrew's, we use *The Nelson Handwriting Scheme*. We actively encourage the children to follow this style of writing. Below is some information, which may be of use to you, so that you can best support your child's handwriting and presentation.

Progression

Within this scheme, letter formation with flicks begins in the Nursery.

Joined up writing begins in Year One, when the teacher has agreed that the children's work is of a sufficient standard.

In Y2 (after Christmas) children begin writing with pens when the teacher feels they are ready

In Y5/6 children use school handwriting pens (Berol)

In Y6 different pens may be experimented with

How you can help:

Encourage your child to hold a pencil with the correct grip and to sit correctly.



The Nelson Scheme

The children are to use the letter 'k' (we have called this 'a curly kay').

Additionally, when we use the letter 'f' it has an ascender (it goes above the line - h, d, b all have ascenders) and a descender (it goes below the line - j, g, y all have descenders). We use these terms with the children across the school including the EYFS.

The letter 's': you can join to this letter (you would join in the word 'his') but not join from the 's' for example in the word 'simple'

Letters

To be formed as below:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Numbers

To be formed as below:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Break letters (letters where they do not join on to another letter)

b, g, j, p, s, q, x, y, z (joins are not to be made to and from the letter z)

Capital letters

To follow the below with the exceptions of G, I, J which should be formed as G I, J

The capital letters.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The joining sets

Set 1

a c d e h i k l m
n s t u

Twelve letters with exit flicks

Set 2

a c d e g i j m n o
p q r s u v w x y

Nineteen letters which start at the top of the x-height.

Set 3

b f h k l t

Six letters which start at the top of the ascender.

Set 4

f o r v w

Five letters which finish at the top of the x-height.

The joins

The first join Set 1 → Set 2 in am

The second join 1 → 3 (

The third join 4 → 2 oa wo

The fourth join 4 → 3 wh ob

The break letters bigger

The Cursive style

The quick brown fox
jumps over the lazy
dog.