

HANDWRITING PROGRESSION AT ST PETER'S

EYFS

Pupils will be:

- introduced to the individual letters, according to the sequence of learning in the Little Wandle phonics scheme.
- shown letter formation and taught a mnemonic to help remember the new grapheme
- practising the letter formation by drawing over the grapheme (whilst modelled by the teacher using the “copy me” method)
- practising writing the individual letters themselves in a variety of contexts alongside other fine motor skill activities to help develop the necessary muscular control as part of their continuous provision

YEAR 1 (KS1)

Pupils will be taught to:

- sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form capital letters
- form digits 0-9
- understand which letters belong to which handwriting “families” and practise these

Please note: children will continue to be taught letter formation as part of their Phonics teaching, using the progression sequence stated in the Little Wandle scheme

YEAR 2 (KS1)

Pupils will be taught to:

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

YEARS 3 AND 4 (LKS2)

Pupils will be taught to:

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch

YEARS 5 AND 6 (UKS2)

Pupils will be taught to:

- write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:
- choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
- choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task