



# Handwriting (Cursive) Progression of Skills (SOW – Penpals) Knowledge Progression Map



Year 1/2 (Cycle A Autumn, Spring, Summer)	Year 1/2 (Cycle B Autumn, Spring, Summer)	Year 3/4 (Cycle A Autumn, Spring, Summer)	Years 3/4 (Cycle B Autumn, Spring, Summer)	Year 5/ Year 6 (Autumn, Spring, Summer)
<p>Letter formation practise: long ladder family            Letter formation practise: one-armed robot family            Letter formation practise: curly caterpillar family            Letter formation practise: zig-zag monster family            Practising the vowels: i            Practising the vowels: u            Practising the vowels: a            Practising the vowels: o            Practising the vowels: e            Letter formation practice: capital letters            Introducing diagonal join to ascender: th            Practising diagonal join to ascender: th            Practising diagonal join to ascender: al            Practising diagonal join to ascender: d            Introducing diagonal join, no ascender: in, im            Practising diagonal join, no ascender: in, im            Practising diagonal join, no ascender: th, the            Introducing diagonal join to anticlockwise letter: st, it            Practising diagonal join to anticlockwise letter: th, to            Practising diagonal join to anticlockwise letter: ng            Practising diagonal join, no ascender: ee            Practising diagonal join, no ascender: ai, ay            Practising diagonal join, no ascender: ime, ine            Introducing horizontal join, no ascender: lap, oy            Practising horizontal join, no ascender: one, ome            Introducing horizontal join to an anticlockwise letter: oa, og            Practising horizontal join to an anticlockwise letter: wa, wo            Introducing horizontal join to ascender: ol, ol            Practising horizontal join to ascender: wh, oh            Introducing joins to anticlockwise letters with ascenders: of, if</p>	<p>How to join a word: high frequency words            Introducing the break letters: j, g, x, y, z, b, f, p, q, r, s            Practising diagonal join to ascender: eel, eet            Practising diagonal join, no ascender: a, e            Practising diagonal join, no ascender, anticlockwise: ice, ide            Practising horizontal join, no ascender: ow, ou            Practising horizontal join, no ascender: oy, oi            Practising horizontal join, no ascender, anticlockwise: oa, ode            Practising horizontal join to ascender: ole, obe            Practising horizontal join to ascender: ook, ood            Practising diagonal join to t, th, ur, er            Practising horizontal join to t, th, or, oo            Introducing horizontal join from t to ascender: a, th, in            Introducing horizontal join from r to ascender: ea, ed            Practising diagonal join from s to ascender: sh            Introducing diagonal join from s, no ascender: s, se, sa            Introducing horizontal join from r to anticlockwise letter: ea, ed            Introducing horizontal join to and from ascender: fi, fi            Introducing horizontal join from f, no ascender: fu, fi            Introducing qu            Introducing r            Introducing ss            Introducing ff            Capital letter practise: height of ascenders and capitals            Assessment            Assessment</p>	<p>Revising joins in a word: long vowel phonemes            Revising joins in a word: le            Revising joins in a word: ing            Revising joins in a word: high frequency words            Revising joins in a word: new vocabulary            Revising joins in a word: un, de            Revising joins to and from s: dis            Revising joins to and from r: re, pre            Revising joins to and from f: ff            Revising joins: qu            Introducing joining b and p: ba, pa            Practising joining b and p: ba, pa            Relative sizes of letters: silent letters            Parallel ascenders: high frequency words            Parallel descenders: adding y to words            Relative size and consistency: ly, less, for            Relative size and consistency: capital letters            Speed and fluency: er, es            Speed and fluency: opposites            Consistency in spacing: mis, antu, ex            Consistency in spacing: apostrophes            Layout, speed and fluency: address            Layout, speed and fluency: dialogue            Layout, speed and fluency: poem            Layout, speed and fluency: letter            Handwriting style            Assessment            Handwriting style</p>	<p>Revising joins: ness, ship            Revising joins: ing, ed            Revising joins: s            Revising joins: ify            Revising joins: nn, mm, ss            Revising parallel ascenders: ff, ll, bb            Revising parallel: ascenders and descenders: pp, ff            Revising joins to an anticlockwise letter: cc, dd            Revising break letters: alphabetical order            Linking spelling and handwriting            Introducing sloped writing            Parallel ascenders: ai, ee, oi            Parallel descenders and break letters: igh, ougl            Size, proportion and spacing: 1, 3, 5, 7            Size, proportion and spacing: 1, 3, 5, 7            Size, proportion and spacing: able, fu            Size, proportion and spacing: to, was            Speed and fluency: abbreviations for notes            Speed and fluency: interleaving            Speed and fluency: drafting            Speed and fluency: lists            Size, proportion and spacing: v, k            Size, proportion and spacing: ic, it            Size, proportion and spacing: ion            Size, proportion and spacing: contractions            Speed and fluency: ible, able            Speed and fluency: diminutives            Print alphabet            Print capitals            Assessment            Presentational skills: font styles</p>	<p>Letter formation: l family            Letter formation: r family            Letter formation: c family            Letter formation: z family            Letter formation: L family            Letter formation: R family            Letter formation: C family            Letter formation: Z family            Letter formation at speed: closing            Number formation 0-9            Joining: diagonal            Joining: horizontal            Joining: tricky joins            Joining at speed: closing            Joining at speed: 1, 3, 5, 7            Joining at speed: j, v, w, x            Letter size: consistency of lowercase            Letter size: comparison of lowercase ascender            Descender            Letter size: comparison of lowercase and capital letters            Letter orientation: writing letters on the baseline            Letter orientation: ascenders and descenders            Spacing: between letters            Spacing: between words            Parallels: upright ascenders and descenders            Parallels: sloping ascenders and descenders            Self-assessment</p>