

Town Green Handwriting Policy

The presentation of work at Aughton Town Green is a high priority. We want children to be proud of their written work and to ensure that it is always neat and legible. Most children should be using a cursive, neat and joined handwriting style by the end of Year 2.

Handwriting in each year:

EYFS: Children will be introduced to letters in EYFS and the correct printed letter formation will be modelled. The order of letters taught will be linked to Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. Children will use a variety of media to experience writing each letter for example in sand or using chalk pens. Letter formation practice will take place daily as each new sound is introduced. After October half term, handwriting sessions will focus on letter families (caterpillar, ladder, robot and zigzag- see appendix). There will be one formal handwriting session per week and phonics homework will support letter formation. Formation practice will be available during continuous provision. Capital letters will be taught discretely during the summer term.

Year 1: Children in Year 1 will continue to use the printed letter formation as taught in EYFS. They will practise their handwriting daily on whiteboards.

Year 2: Year 2 children will continue to use the letter formation used in Year 1. All teacher modelled writing will reflect this. When children are able to form their letters, they will move on to the 'Ground, Grass, Sky' cursive letter formation (see appendix). It is expected that this will happen around half way through Year 2. Handwriting books with positioning lines will be used in practice sessions.

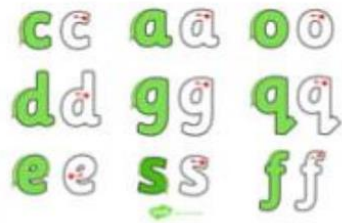
Key Stage 2: 'Ground, Grass, Sky' will be used in Key Stage 2 to reinforce letter formation. All classes will display a banner to support this. Children will also have handwriting strips to use as reference. Teachers will model writing using this cursive style. Handwriting practice will take place discretely during the week. Handwriting books with positioning lines will be used. In Upper Key Stage 2, children can move on to use 'rub-out' pen when their teacher feels it is appropriate.

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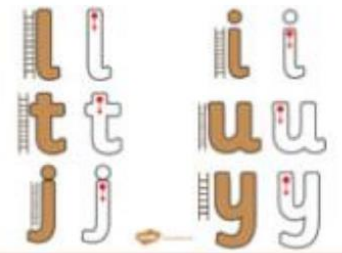
Appendix

'Letter Families'

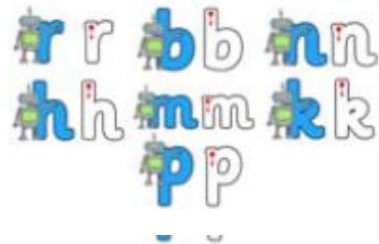
  for curly caterpillar letters



  for the ladder letters



  for the one armed robot letters



  for the zig zag monster letters



'Ground, Grass, Sky'

This is how we write our 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