

Handwriting – Year One

In Year one we teach much of our handwriting in conjunction with phonics, and always try to model a pre-cursive script which we call **whoosh up writing!**

This pre-cursive style looks a bit scary at first, however, we work on it all year and research indicates that this style of writing actually helps children to develop spelling skills as they learn the flow of a word and their muscle memory takes over when writing. We do not join the individual letters at first and children are obviously allowed to just use a simple printed script. We may just ask children to try writing one word using a pre-cursive style, and take it slowly from there. We really do try to work at your child's level so some children may leave Year One using pre-cursive, others may find it harder and that is fine. It is a skill that will be built upon throughout school. The eventual aim is that children will develop a fluid, joined writing style which will benefit them throughout life.

Pre-cursive (Year One):

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

Cursive (usually started in Year Two):

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