End of Year Framework

Subject: Handwriting



	Knowledge	Skills
EYFS	ELG: Writing Children at the expected level of development will: Have phoneme to grapheme correspondence.	ELG: Writing Children at the expected level of development will: • Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed;
		 ELG: Gross Motor Skills Children at the expected level of development will: Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others; Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing; Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.
		 ELG: Fine Motor Skills Children at the expected level of development will: Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery;
Year 1	Statutory Requirements - Handwriting Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.	 Pupils should be taught to sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly form capital letters form digits 0-9
Year 2	Statutory Requirements – Handwriting Pupils should be taught to: 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 Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.	They should be taught to write with a joined style as soon as they can form letters securely with the correct orientation. Pupils should be taught to: • Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another • Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
Year 3	Statutory Requirements - Handwriting Pupils should 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	Pupils should be taught to: Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].
Year 4	Statutory Requirements - Handwriting Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to: Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the down strokes of letters are parallel and

	 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 	equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].
Year 5	Statutory Requirements - Handwriting Pupils should 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.	 Pupils should 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.
Year 6	Statutory Requirements - Handwriting Pupils should 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.	 Pupils should 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.