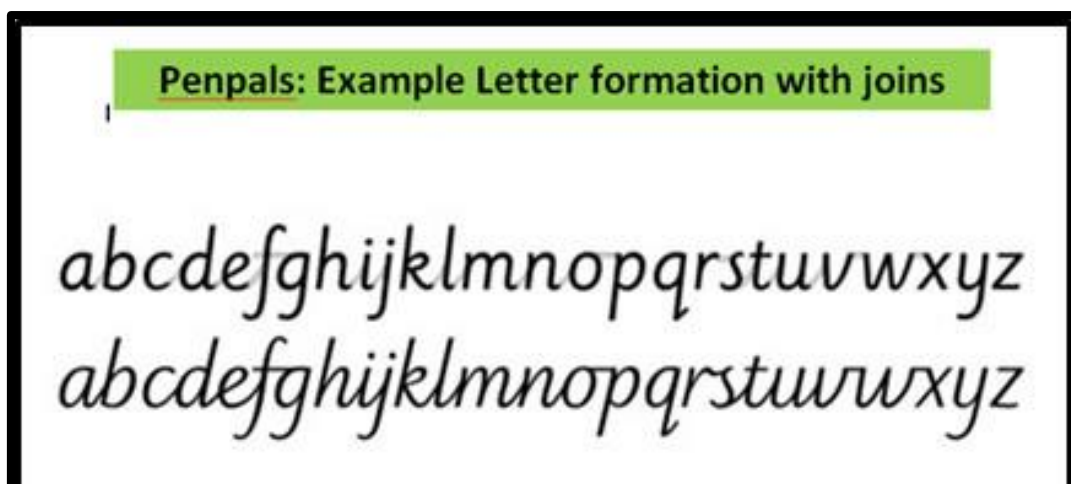


Handwriting in Year 4

In Year 4, the children are expected to write legibly, using cursive handwriting throughout the curriculum. They should be able to use upper and lower-case letters appropriately and use correct spacing within and between words. Ascenders and descenders should be joined consistently and correctly. Written work can be completed in pencil or handwriting pen, which will be provided.

Children will practise handwriting in class at least twice a week. The lessons will focus on diagonal joins, revising parallel ascenders and descenders, break letters, spacing in common exception words, consistent size of letters, speed and fluency and relative size of capital letters. Children will also write their weekly spellings in their handwriting book, this will help them to remember the shape of the word.

Letter formation in Year 4



How can you help at home?

Please encourage your child to use cursive handwriting when completing their homework.

Children can practise their handwriting at home in a variety of ways.

- Writing out their spellings using look, cover, check.
- Write in different colours.
- Using fingers write the words on each other's back, the other person has to guess the word.
- Use chalk, paint, crayons and felt tip pens.

