

Supporting Handwriting in Year 3

Using this handwriting scheme, please note that capital letters do not join. Children also find “descenders” the most difficult to place on the line (f g j p q).

Children in year 3 should:

- 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.
- Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting.
- Be on the look out for everyday opportunities for your child to practise their handwriting. For example, they could write out the shopping list that you dictate, mark events on the calendar, make greetings cards for family members, write out recipes or song lyrics, and so on. Try to find opportunities that link to their interests.

The joins

in am
ab ch
oa wo
wh ob
bigger

The joined style

The quick brown fox jumps over
the lazy dog.