



Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing Little Wandle Handwriting

We are pleased to be introducing the **Little Wandle Handwriting Programme** across our school. This programme is designed to help children develop clear, fluent and efficient handwriting while building confidence and pride in their written work.

Handwriting is an important life skill. As children become confident writers, they can focus more on expressing their ideas and less on the mechanics of forming letters. The Little Wandle approach provides a consistent and structured pathway from early mark-making through to joined handwriting.

Our Handwriting Pedagogy

The Little Wandle Handwriting Programme is based on explicit teaching, regular practice and high expectations for all children. Children are taught:

- Posture
- Pencil grip
- Paper position
- Pressure

Teachers model letter formation clearly and children practise through a gradual sequence of demonstration, guided practice and independent application. Frequent revisiting and reinforcement help children to develop secure habits that become automatic over time.



Letter Families

Rather than learning each letter individually, children learn letters in **families** based on similar movement patterns. This helps children build muscle memory and develop efficient handwriting skills.

How You Can Help at Home

You can support your child by encouraging them to enjoy activities that help children develop the strength, coordination and control needed for comfortable and fluent handwriting e.g.

- Playing with playdough, clay or modelling dough by squeezing, rolling, pinching and cutting.
- Building with LEGO®, construction toys and interlocking bricks.
- Threading beads onto string or making pasta necklaces.
- Completing jigsaw puzzles.
- Drawing, colouring and painting.
- Cutting along lines and shapes with child-safe scissors.
- Practising fastening buttons, zips and buckles.
- Creating pictures using small collage materials such as sequins, buttons and tissue paper.
- Playing finger rhymes and action songs such as *Incy Wincy Spider*.

Our Aim

By following a consistent approach across school and home, we aim to help all children develop a fluent, legible handwriting style that supports their learning across the curriculum.

If you would like further information about the Little Wandle Handwriting Programme, please speak to your child's class teacher or our school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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