



HANDWRITING

A Parent's Guide



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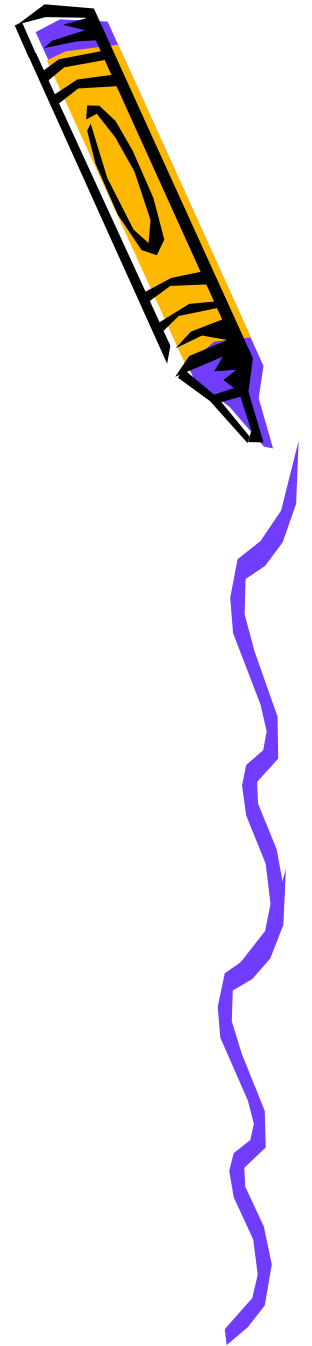
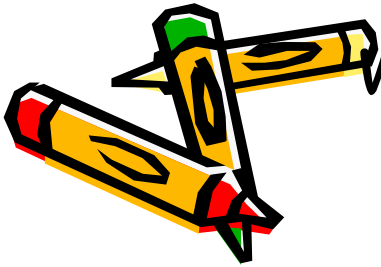
Why is handwriting important ?

- Despite the development of ICT and computers, it is still vital that we teach children to write.
- It is an important life skill which underpins many activities.



Why do we need to write ?

- There are two main purposes for handwriting:
 1. To make notes for ourselves
 2. To pass information on to another party
- In both cases, it is important that someone can read what we have written !

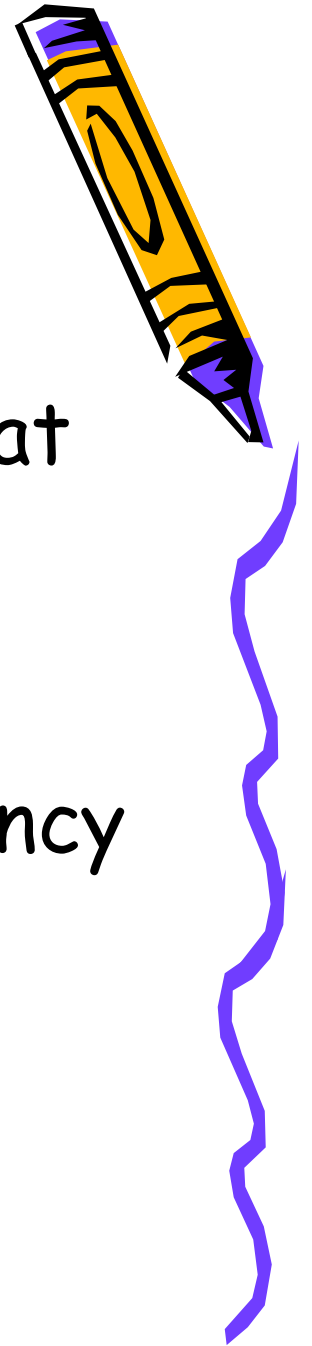


What is expected by the end of the juniors ?

- The National Curriculum states that by the end of the juniors children should be able to:

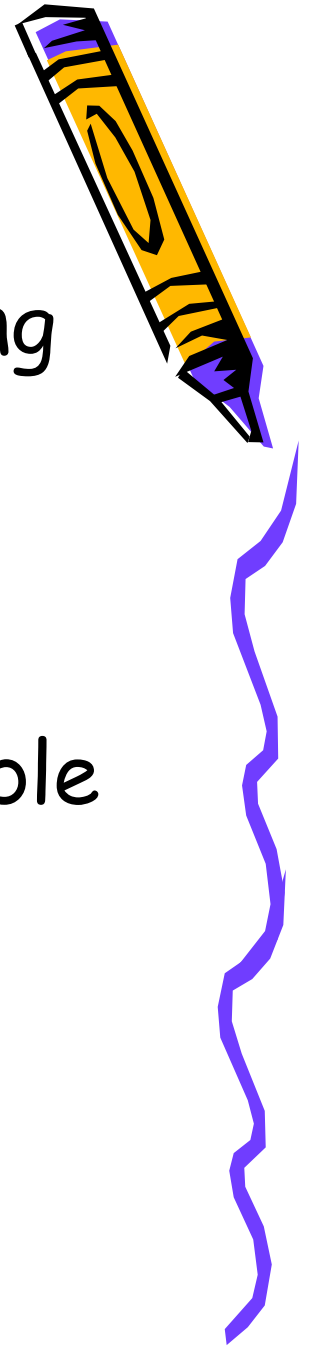
"... write legibly in both joined and printed styles with increasing fluency and speed."

"... use different forms of handwriting for different purposes."



How can we help at home ?

- Support your child with handwriting homework.
- Encourage them to do their "exercises" before they start.
- Make sure they are sitting at a table with their feet on the floor.



- If you feel they need practice at one of the letters, ask your child's teacher for some handwriting paper or download from the website.
- Use "Magic Pens", finger paint, sand paper, sand/salt tray etc to practice letters or joins.

