

## Cursive handwriting information for parents

Please note - the most important step before joining is forming all letters from the correct starting point and finishing at the correct point. See the handwriting sheet sent home and the example below. Practice this before starting joins.

In year 2 we teach the children to:

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- 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
- write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters

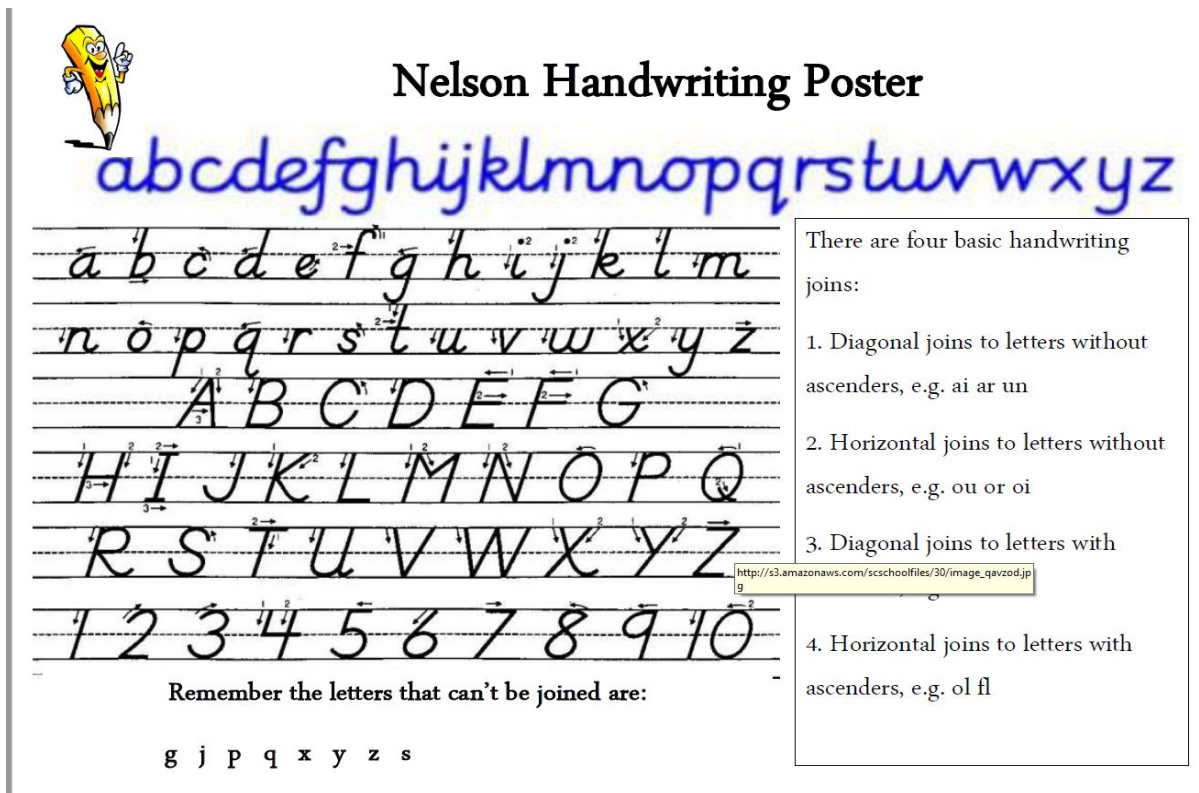
Here are some videos created by the scheme we use in school

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For our left handed children - a useful video on pencil grip

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVJLS-xskRo&list=PLW-Dpen99Aj4iday3vas6RQL9\\_C\\_2\\_dht&index=7](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVJLS-xskRo&list=PLW-Dpen99Aj4iday3vas6RQL9_C_2_dht&index=7)



The poster features a cartoon pencil character at the top left. The title 'Nelson Handwriting Poster' is centered. Below the title, the lowercase alphabet 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' is written in a blue cursive font. Underneath, there are four rows of handwriting practice on lined paper. The first row shows lowercase letters 'a' through 'm' with numbered arrows indicating stroke direction. The second row shows lowercase letters 'n' through 'z' with numbered arrows. The third row shows uppercase letters 'A' through 'G' with numbered arrows. The fourth row shows uppercase letters 'H' through 'Q' with numbered arrows. Below these rows, the digits '1' through '10' are written in a cursive font with numbered arrows. To the right of the handwriting examples, there is a text box with the following content:

There are four basic handwriting joins:

1. Diagonal joins to letters without ascenders, e.g. ai ar un
2. Horizontal joins to letters without ascenders, e.g. ou or oi
3. Diagonal joins to letters with ascenders, e.g. oi fl
4. Horizontal joins to letters with ascenders, e.g. oi fl

Remember the letters that can't be joined are:

g j p q x y z s

**Have a look at some examples below**

am an as ap in is iv un ur

eb ah al ch ck af it it sh st

rr fe on ow ox fa ve vo wa

oh ok or h rk rl rt wt wh

The first line shows a diagonal join to letters without ascenders.

Line 2 shows diagonal join to letters with ascenders.

Line 3 shows a horizontal join to letters without ascenders

Line 4 shows a horizontal join to letters with ascenders.