



Lister Primary School

Handwriting Progression

Scope and sequence

Units introducing new letters or joins are flagged with coloured dots.

Foundation 1/3-5 years

Developing gross motor skills

- 1 Whole-body responses to the language of movement
- 2 Large movements with equipment
- 3 Large movements with malleable materials
- 4 Body responses to music

Developing fine motor skills

- 5 Hand and finger play
- 6 Making and modelling
- 7 Messy play
- 8 Links to art
- 9 Using one-handed tools and equipment
- 10 Hand responses to music

Developing patterns

- 11 Pattern-making
- 12 Investigating dots
- 13 Investigating straight lines and crosses
- 14 Investigating circles
- 15 Investigating curves, loops and waves
- 16 Investigating joined straight lines and angled patterns
- 17 Investigating eights and spirals

Foundation 2/Primary 1

Term 1

- 1 Dots
- 2 Straight lines and crosses
- 3 Circles
- 4 Waves
- 5 Loops and bridges
- 6 Joined straight lines
- 7 Angled patterns
- 8 Eights
- 9 Spirals
- 10 Left-to-right orientation
- 11 Mix of patterns
- 12 Review of patterns

Term 2

- 13 Introducing long-legged giraffe letters: **l**
- 14 Practising long-legged giraffe letters: **l, l**
- 15 Practising long-legged giraffe letters: **u, t**
- 16 Practising long-legged giraffe letters: **j, y**
- 17 Practising all the long-legged giraffe letters: **l, l, t, u, j, y**
- 18 Introducing one-armed robot letters: **r**
- 19 Practising one-armed robot letters: **b, n**
- 20 Practising one-armed robot letters: **h, m**
- 21 Practising one-armed robot letters: **k, p**
- 22 Practising all the one-armed robot letters: **r, b, n, h, m, k, p**

- 23 Practising all the long-legged giraffe and one-armed robot letters
- 24 Reviewing all the long-legged giraffe and one-armed robot letters

Term 3

- 25 Introducing curly caterpillar letters: **c**
- 26 Practising curly caterpillar letters: **a, d**
- 27 Practising curly caterpillar letters: **o, s**
- 28 Practising curly caterpillar letters: **g, q**
- 29 Practising curly caterpillar letters: **e, f**
- 30 Practising all the curly caterpillar letters: **c, a, d, o, s, g, q, e, f**
- 31 Practising all the curly caterpillar, long-legged giraffe and one-armed robot letters
- 32 Introducing zig-zag monster letters: **z**
- 33 Practising zig-zag monster letters: **v, w, x**
- 34 Practising all the zig-zag monster letters: **z, v, w, x**
- 35 Practising all the curly caterpillar and zig-zag monster letters
- 36 Reviewing all the curly caterpillar and zig-zag monster letters

Year 1/Primary 2

Term 1

- 1 Practising long-legged giraffe letters
- 2 Writing words with **ll**
- 3 Introducing capitals for long-legged giraffe letters
- 4 Practising one-armed robot letters
- 5 Practising long-legged giraffe letters and one-armed robot letters
- 6 Introducing capitals for one-armed robot letters
- 7 Practising curly caterpillar letters
- 8 Writing words with double **ff**
- 9 Writing words with double **ss**
- 10 Introducing capitals for curly caterpillar letters

Term 2

- 11 Practising long-legged giraffe letters, one-armed robot letters and curly caterpillar letters
- 12 Practising zig-zag monster letters
- 13 Writing words with double **zz**
- 14 Mixing all the letter families
- 15 Practising all the capital letters
- 16 Practising all the numbers 0-9
- 17 Writing words with **ck** and **qu**
- 18 Practising long vowel phonemes: **ai, igh, oo**
- 19 Practising vowels with adjacent consonants: **ee, oa, oo**
- 20 End-of-term check

Term 3

- 21 Numbers 10-20: spacing
- 22 Practising **ch** unjoined
- 23 Introducing diagonal join to ascender: **ch**
- 24 Practising **ai** unjoined
- 25 Introducing diagonal join, no ascender: **ai**
- 26 Practising **wh** unjoined
- 27 Introducing horizontal join to ascender: **wh**
- 28 Practising **ow** unjoined
- 29 Introducing horizontal join, no ascender: **ow**
- 30 Assessment

Year 2/Primary 3

Term 1

- 1 Practising diagonal join to ascender: **th, ch**
- 2 Practising diagonal join, no ascender: **ai, ay**
- 3 Practising diagonal join, no ascender: **ir, er**
- 4 Practising horizontal join to ascender: **wh, sh**
- 5 Practising horizontal join, no ascender: **ow, ou**
- 6 Introducing diagonal join to e: **ie, ue**
- 7 Introducing horizontal join to e: **oe, ve**
- 8 Introducing **ee**
- 9 Practising diagonal join, no ascender: **le**
- 10 Writing numbers 1-100

Term 2

- 11 Introducing diagonal join to anticlockwise letters: **ea**
- 12 Practising diagonal join to anticlockwise letters: **igh**
- 13 Practising diagonal join to anticlockwise letters: **dg, ng**
- 14 Introducing horizontal join to anticlockwise letters: **oo, oa**
- 15 Practising horizontal join to anticlockwise letters: **wa, wo**
- 16 Introducing mixed joins for three letters: **air, ear**
- 17 Practising mixed joins for three letters: **oor, our**
- 18 Practising mixed joins for three letters: **ing**
- 19 Size and spacing
- 20 End-of-term check

Term 3

- 21 Building on diagonal join to ascender: **ck, al, el, at, il, ill**
- 22 Building on diagonal join, no ascender: **ui, ey, aw, ur, an, ip**
- 23 Building on horizontal join to ascender: **ok, ot, ob, ol**
- 24 Building on horizontal join, no ascender: **oi, oy, om, op, ov**
- 25 Building on diagonal join to anticlockwise letters: **ed, cc, eg, ic, ad, ug, dd, ag**
- 26 Building on horizontal join to anticlockwise letters: **oc, og, od, va, vo**
- 27 Introducing joins to s: **as, es, is, os, ws, ns, ds, ls, ts, ks**
- 28 Practising joining **ed** and **ing**
- 29 Assessment
- 30 Capitals



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Year 3/Primary 4

Term 1

- 1 Practising joining through a word in stages: no ascenders or descenders
- 2 Practising joining through a word in stages: parallel ascenders
- 3 Introducing joining from s to ascender: *sh, sl, st, sk*
- 4 Introducing joining from s, no ascender: *sw, sl, se, sm, sn, sp, su*
- 5 Introducing joining from s to an anticlockwise letter: *sa, sc, sd, sg, so, sq*
- 6 Introducing joining from r to an ascender: *rb, rh, rk, rl, rt*
- 7 Introducing joining from t, no ascender: *ti, tu, m, rp*
- 8 Introducing joining from r to an anticlockwise letter: *ra, rd, rg, ro*
- 9 Introducing joining from r to e: *are, ere, ure, ore, ire*
- 10 Introducing break letters: *g, j, y, f, b, p, x, z*

Term 2

- 11 Introducing joining to f: *tf, ef, af, of*
- 12 Introducing joining from f to an ascender: *fl, ft*
- 13 Introducing joining from f, no ascender: *fe, fi, fu, fr, fy*
- 14 Introducing joining from f to an anticlockwise letter: *fo, fa*
- 15 Introducing *ff*
- 16 Introducing *rr*
- 17 Introducing *ss*
- 18 Introducing *qu*
- 19 Revising parallel ascenders and descenders
- 20 End-of-term check

Term 3

- 21 Revising joins: letter spacing
- 22 Revising joins: spacing between words
- 23 Revising joins: consistency of size
- 24 Revising joins: fluency
- 25 Revising joins: parallel ascenders
- 26 Revising joins: parallel ascenders and descenders
- 27 Revising horizontal join from r to an anticlockwise letter: *rs*
- 28 Revising break letters
- 29 Assessment
- 30 Revising capital letters

Year 4/Primary 5

Term 1

- 1 Introducing diagonal join from p and b to ascender: *ph, pl, bl*
- 2 Introducing diagonal join from p and b, no ascender: *bu, bi, be, pu, pi, pe*
- 3 Introducing diagonal join from p and b to an anticlockwise letter: *pa, po, ps, ba, bo, bs*
- 4 Revising parallel ascenders and descenders: *bb, pp*
- 5 Break letters: *x, z*
- 6 Spacing in common exception words
- 7 Consistent size of letters
- 8 Relative size of capitals
- 9 Speed and fluency
- 10 End-of-term check

Term 2

- 11 Revising parallel ascenders
- 12 Revising parallel ascenders and break letters
- 13 Relative sizes of letters
- 14 Proportion of letters
- 15 Spacing between letters
- 16 Spacing between words
- 17 Writing at speed
- 18 Improving fluency
- 19 Speed and fluency
- 20 End-of-term check

Term 3

- 21 Consistency of size
- 22 Proportion
- 23 Spacing between letters and words
- 24 Size, proportion and spacing
- 25 Fluency: writing longer words
- 26 Speed and fluency
- 27 Revising break letters
- 28 Print alphabet: presentation
- 29 Assessment
- 30 Capital letters: presentation

Year 5/Primary 6

Term 1

- 1 Introducing sloped writing in letter families
- 2 Practising sloped writing: diagonal join to ascender: *th, sh, nb, nd, ht, st*
- 3 Practising sloped writing: diagonal join, no ascender: *ai, ay, kn, er, ie, en*
- 4 Practising sloped writing: diagonal join to an anticlockwise letter: *ac, sc, bo, da, ea, ho*
- 5 Practising sloped writing: horizontal join to ascender: *wh, wl, oh, ol, of, ob*
- 6 Practising sloped writing: horizontal join, no ascender: *oi, oy, ou, op, ue*
- 7 Practising sloped writing: horizontal join to an anticlockwise letter: *oo, oa, wa, wo, va, vo*
- 8 Practising sloped writing: joining from r: *ra, re, ri, ro, ru*
- 9 Practising sloped writing: joining from s: *sh, su, sc, sl, sw, sp*
- 10 End-of-term check

Term 2

- 11 Practising sloped writing: proportion – joining from f to ascender: *fl, ft*
- 12 Practising sloped writing: size – joining from f, no ascender: *fa, fe, fi, fo, fu*
- 13 Different styles for different purposes: writing a paragraph
- 14 Practising sloped writing: speed: *ff*
- 15 Practising sloped writing: speed and legibility: *rr*
- 16 Practising sloped writing: size, proportion and spacing: *ss*
- 17 Practising sloped writing: building speed: *qu*
- 18 Different styles for different purposes: decorative alphabets
- 19 Different styles for different purposes
- 20 End-of-term check

Term 3

- 21 Sloped writing: proportion, joining p and b to ascenders: *ph, pl, bl*
- 22 Handwriting for different purposes: joining from p and b, no ascender: *bu, bi, pe, pu, pi, pr*
- 23 Practising sloped writing: parallel downstrokes: *pp, bb*
- 24 Practising sloped writing: all double letters
- 25 Practising sloped writing for speed: *ual, cial*
- 26 Practising sloped writing for fluency
- 27 Personal style
- 28 Handwriting for different purposes: print alphabet
- 29 Assessment
- 30 Capitals

Year 6/Primary 7

Term 1

- 1 Style for speed: crossbar join from t: *th, ti, tr, ta, tt*
- 2 Style for speed: looping from g: *gl, gi, gr, ga, gg*
- 3 Style for speed: looping from j and y: *je, jo, ye, yr, yo*
- 4 Style for speed: looping from f
- 5 Style for speed: different joins to s
- 6 Style for speed: looping from b
- 7 Style for speed: joining from v, w, x and z
- 8 Handwriting for different purposes: abbreviations
- 9 Spacing between words
- 10 End-of-term check

Term 2

- 11 Improving handwriting: the importance of consistent sizing
- 12 Improving handwriting: the importance of proportion
- 13 Improving handwriting: the importance of spacing
- 14 Improving handwriting: the importance of consistent sizing of parallel ascenders and descenders
- 15 Improving handwriting: the importance of closed and open letters
- 16 Improving handwriting: pen breaks in longer words
- 17 Handwriting for different purposes: annotations
- 18 Handwriting for different purposes
- 19 Choice of handwriting tools
- 20 End-of-term check

Term 3

- 21 Handwriting for different purposes: fast-joined and print letters
- 22 Handwriting for different purposes: note making
- 23 Handwriting for different purposes: neat writing
- 24 Handwriting for different purposes: print letters for personal details
- 25 Different styles of writing
- 26 Handwriting for different purposes: presentation
- 27 Handwriting for different purposes: decorated capitals
- 28 Handwriting for different purposes: layout
- 29 Assessment
- 30 Handwriting for different purposes: handwriting patterns