

Irthington Village School English Curriculum Overview

Handwriting

We use the cursive style of handwriting and aim to teach children to have a natural, fluent handwriting style that is pleasant to look at, quick to accomplish and easy to read. In Key Stage 2 some of the children use handwriting pens with black ink. The school uses the 'Berol' form of joined script.

Reception and Year 1

In Reception and Year 1 we use the lettering below. Please do not teach your children to use capital letters, except at the beginning of their names, as they will use only lower case (i.e. small letters) to start with.

Small letters are written as follows:

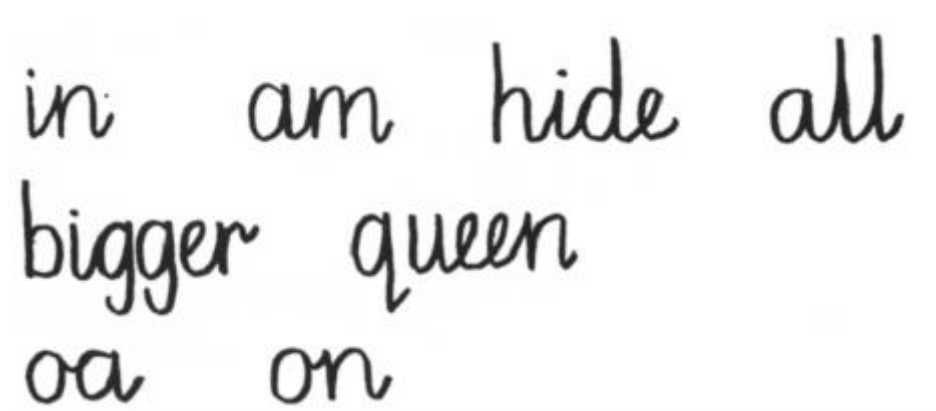


Numbers are written as follows:



Year 2 and Year 3

In Year 2 we begin to teach children to join letters provided we feel that their fine motor skills are sufficiently developed. We continue to perfect joining in Year 3. From Year 3 onwards, children earn a pen licence if they are consistently able to join correctly and write neatly. These are examples of joined letters and the style of joining which we teach:



Year 4 - 6

In Class 3 children consolidate the joining skills they have learned in Year 2 and 3. They have weekly handwriting practice sessions using a handwriting workbook.