



Handwriting

We have high expectations of handwriting at Uplands Manor. Handwriting will be taught as part of daily phonics lessons and/or as 2/3 weekly starters within lessons depending on year groups and expectations – please refer to class timetables. Children learning phonics will use Read Write Inc. and its letter formation and handwriting policy. From spring term in Year 1, cursive handwriting will be taught using the **Letterjoin Handwriting scheme**.

Expectations for Handwriting Sessions:

- Teach children how to hold a pencil comfortably and appropriately – chubby pencils/grips where necessary
- Make sure desks are not cluttered
- Hold paper/book still with one hand
- Desks facing the front
- Children sitting up straight with both feet on the floor
- Teacher modelling letter formation and not children just copying sentences prewritten on the board or a sheet
- Aspects of differentiation should be included (e.g. application for HAs, consolidation, 1 to 1 support, tracing etc.)
- Children should use sharp writing pencils. Once they have mastered joined, cursive writing they should be given a handwriting pen.

Special Requirements for Left Handed People

Left handed people can experience greater difficulties than right handed people. They should be encouraged not to press on too hard and when using pen ensure that the ink flows freely to reduce the need to press down hard. They should also be encouraged to hold the paper at an angle so that they can see what they have written. Spelling in Year 2 upwards, spelling is taught within English lessons as 2/3 weekly starters depending on year groups and expectations – this is evident on English planning. Children will be taught specific spelling rules and skills through the No Nonsense Spelling scheme which ensures accurate coverage. Aspects of differentiation will be included within planning and homework to meet the needs of the children.