

Handwriting

Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement

Intent

At Chadsmoor Federation, we believe that all pupils should be able to write confidently and clearly in order to communicate their knowledge, ideas and emotions and share their written work with others. We see the importance of teaching the correct pencil grip, posture and supporting hand in order for writing stamina to be developed. We believe that all pupils should be encouraged to take pride in the presentation of their writing, in part by developing a good, joined, handwriting style by the time they are in Upper Key Stage 2.

Implementation

Across our Federation, we teach Handwriting by using Start Bee Handwriting lessons and resources. This begins in Nursery with the Mini-Bees Fine Motor Program and then continues in Reception and Key Stage 1 with Start Bee Beginners, All Joined-Up and Catch Up lessons. The younger children are guided (& modelled) by a peer, Hannah Jane, through interactive videos allowing staff to focus supporting children and intervening in order to ensure good progress is made with handwriting.

In KS2, whilst intervention groups continue with Catch Up lessons, whole class lessons are taught using Top-Up/Revision lessons. All staff receive training on how to deliver the lessons through a consistent approach using the same script and terminology across the 3 key stages. The final sets of lessons consolidate joined writing with a more age appropriate script.

Impact

All children will develop a comfortable, effective pencil grip and a legible style of handwriting which will increase their writing stamina and ability to write at greater length for a wide audience. Most children will develop a joined handwriting style by the time they reach Upper Key Stage 2.

Monitoring of teaching will take place through lesson observations and learning walks, discussions with staff and pupils and scrutiny of children's books. Fine motor, name writing and match fit assessments will be completed, particularly in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Handwriting will be assessed in Key Stage 2 using the Writing Assessment grids for Independent Writing.