



Handwriting Overview

Years 5 & 6

STAGE 4: SPEED AND STYLE



Year 5

Pupils will learn to write with speed while ensuring that their writing remains legible. Pupils will learn some new joins that may improve their writing speed, such as looping from letters with tails and joining break letters. Pupils will learn about slanting for speed and writing at different speeds for different purposes.

Year 6

Pupils will work on developing their own personal style and learn to adapt handwriting for different tasks. Pupils will try out some variations to the joining rules and letter shapes. They will experiment with using different styles of handwriting for different purposes:

- Printing for labelling diagrams
- Block capitals for filling in forms
- Special writing for best work

Pupils learn how to check their own work for errors and present it clearly.

Content

<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>Autumn</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joining for speed• Fast and legible handwriting• Check your writing speed• Tools and tips for speed• Problems with writing at speed	<u>Autumn</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your own personal style• Looping for style• Joining break letters b, p, s• Joining break letters q, x, z• Rounded v and w
<u>Spring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practising for speed• Looping for speed• Speedy joining from b and p• Speedy joining from s• Shortcut joins for speed	<u>Spring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slanting for style• Printing• Block capitals• Choosing writing tools• Decorative lettering
<u>Summer</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different speeds for different purposes• Taking notes• Using abbreviations• Check your writing speed	<u>Summer</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calligraphy• Choosing your standard of handwriting• Your best handwriting• Proofreading and punctuation• Presentation and layout