

Year 1 Nelson Handwriting Unit Coverage

National Curriculum Objectives:

- sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form capital letters
- form digits 0-9
- understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Warm Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen Grip and Posture • Grasshopper • Incey Wincey Spider • Grandma's Spectacles • Finger Massage • Itchy Monkey 						
Unit 1	Introducing letter families, Set 1 (c o a d g f s q e)						
Unit 2	Practising letter families, Set 1 (c o a d g f s q e)						
Unit 3	Introducing letter families, Set 2 (i l t j u y)						
Unit 4	Practising letter families, Set 2 (i l t j u y)						
Unit 5	Introducing letter families, Set 3 (b h k m n p r)						
Unit 6	Practising letter families, Set 3 (b h k m n p r)						
Unit 7	Introducing letter families, Set 4 (v w x z)						
Unit 8	Practising letter families, Set 4 (v w x z)						
Unit 9	Practising capital letters						
Unit 10	Practising capital letters						
Unit 11	Practising capital letters						
Unit 12	Practising numbers						
Unit 13	Introducing break letters						
Unit 14	Practising consistent size and height of small letters						
Unit 15	Diagonal join to Set 1 letters: ed						
Unit 16	Diagonal join to Set 1 and 2 letters: ig						
Unit 17	Diagonal join to Set 3 letters: ar						
Unit 18	Diagonal join to Set 4 letters: aw						
Unit 19	Diagonal join to the top of Set 1 letters: ef						
Unit 20	Diagonal join to the top of Set 2 letters: il						
Unit 21	Diagonal join to the top of Set 3 letters: ck, tch						
Unit 22	To form and join from the letter w: wa						
Unit 23	Practising the horizontal join: oo						
Unit 24	Horizontal join to Set 3 letters: or, ore						
Unit 25	Practising the fourth join to Set 1 letters: of						
Unit 26	Practising the fourth join to Set 2 letters: wl						
Unit 27	Practising break letters						
Unit 28	Revising the four handwriting joins: ai, al, ol, ow						

Year 2 Nelson Handwriting Unit Coverage

National Curriculum Objectives:

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Warm Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen Grip and Posture • Incey Wincey Spider • Wide wings • Finger Match • Butterfly 						
Unit 1	Practising joining to the top: ai						
Unit 2	Practising the join from the letter e: ee						
Unit 3	Practising joining from the letter i: ie						
Unit 4	Practising the horizontal join: oa						
Unit 5	Practising the size and height of letters: oo						
Unit 6	Practising joining from the letter o: oi						
Unit 7	Practising capital letters						
Unit 8	Practising joining to the letter a: ea						
Unit 9	Practising joining to the letter r: er						
Unit 10	Practising the horizontal join: ou						
Unit 11	Practising small letters - same height and size: or						
Unit 12	Practising joining to the letter r: air						
Unit 13	Practising joining to ascenders: al						
Unit 14	Practising joining from the letter o: ot						
Unit 15	Practising printing						
Unit 16	Practising joining to and from the letter c						
Unit 17	Practising writing the letter g						
Unit 18	Practising the diagonal join: le						
Unit 19	Practising the two ways of joining the letter s: sh, es						
Unit 20	Practising joining to the letter y: ky						
Unit 21	Practising joining to the letter g: ing						
Unit 22	Reviewing the four handwriting joins: kn, mb, wh, wr						
Unit 23	Practising joining from the letter w: wa						
Unit 24	Practising correct height and size of letters: ly						
Unit 25	Practising punctuation						
Unit 26	Practising joining to and from the letter i: cian						
Unit 27	Practising joining to and from the letter s: less						
Unit 28	Practising joining from the letter e: est						

Year 3 Nelson Handwriting Unit Coverage

National Curriculum Objectives:

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Warm Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen Grip and Posture • Wide wings • Butterfly • Finger Partner Match • Eye Workout • Travelling Shapes • Double 8 						
Unit 1	Forming descenders accurately: sp						
Unit 2	Forming ascenders accurately: al						
Unit 3	Practising the diagonal join to a small letter: ci						
Unit 4	Practising the diagonal join to a tall letter: mb						
Unit 5	Practising joining to and from the letter l: ale						
Unit 6	Practising joining to the letter y: ly						
Unit 7	Practising forming the letter s correctly: es						
Unit 8	Practising joining from the letter i: ie						
Unit 9	Practising spacing between letters: ed						
Unit 10	Practising writing with a slant: ake						
Unit 11	Practising forming capital letters						
Unit 12	Practising writing the letter t at the correct height: ti						
Unit 13	Practising spacing letters consistently: ew						
Unit 14	Practising forming double letters correctly: ff						
Unit 15	Practising joining to the letter e: he						
Unit 16	Practising joining to the letter k: ck						
Unit 17	Practising the second join: ch						
Unit 18	Practising joining from the letter e: ei						
Unit 19	Practising the horizontal join: ous						
Unit 20	Practising joining from the letter a: ap						
Unit 21	Practising with punctuation: !						
Unit 22	Practising diagonal joins to the letter y: ly						
Unit 23	Practising joining to and from the letter r: ure						
Unit 24	Practising joining from the letter w: wh						
Unit 25	Practising forming numerals correctly						
Unit 26	Practising writing silent letters: wr						
Unit 27	Practising joining from the letter f: ft						
Unit 28	Practising writing decorated capital letters						

Year 4 Nelson Handwriting Unit Coverage

National Curriculum Objectives:

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].

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Warm Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen Grip and Posture • Wide wings • Butterfly • Finger Partner Match • Eye Workout • Travelling Shapes • Double 8 						
Unit 1	Practising joining from the letter e: ea						
Unit 2	Practising joining to and from the letter s: ask						
Unit 3	Practising writing letters at the correct size and height: rie						
Unit 4	Practising writing double letters: tt						
Unit 5	Practising consistency in spacing: sce						
Unit 6	Practising using a diagonal join: un						
Unit 7	Practising the horizontal join: re						
Unit 8	More practice joining to the letter y: ly						
Unit 9	Practising speedwriting						
Unit 10	Practising the size and height of letters: ous						
Unit 11	Practising spacing within words						
Unit 12	Practising joining to and from the letter w: owf						
Unit 13	Practising joining from the letter m: mb						
Unit 14	Practising joining to the letter a from the letter w: wa						
Unit 15	Practising using a diagonal joining line: hi						
Unit 16	Practising speedwriting						
Unit 17	Practising joining from the letter i: ig						
Unit 18	Practising the diagonal join to ascenders: al						
Unit 19	Practising joining to and from the letter f: ff						
Unit 20	Practising joining to and from the letter e: rec						
Unit 21	Practising punctuation: s'						
Unit 22	Practising consistency in forming and joining letters: ar						
Unit 23	Practising printing to make captions						
Unit 24	Practising joining to and from the letter v: ive						
Unit 25	Practising break letters						
Unit 26	Practising drafting and editing						
Unit 27	Practising speedwriting						
Unit 28	Practising printing to make a poster: Tt						

Year 5 Nelson Handwriting Unit Coverage

National Curriculum Objectives:

- choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
- choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Warm Up	Pen Grip and Posture						
Unit 1	Practising joining to and from the letter r						
Unit 2	Ensuring letters are consistent in height and size						
Unit 3	Developing fluency						
Unit 4	Ensuring the letter t is at the correct height						
Unit 5	Forming and joining the letter s						
Unit 6	Practising break letters						
Unit 7	Practising writing a play script						
Unit 8	Practising printing						
Unit 9	Forming ascenders correctly						
Unit 10	Practising presentation						
Unit 11	More practice with presentation						
Unit 12	Ensuring correct formation of the letter k						
Unit 13	Forming the letter y correctly						
Unit 14	Practising speed and fluency						
Unit 15	Practising punctuation						
Unit 16	Ensuring consistency in letter sizes						
Unit 17	Practising speedwriting						
Unit 18	Forming small letters correctly						
Unit 19	Practising forming and joining the letter f						
Unit 20	Practising writing with a slant						
Unit 21	Practising printing						
Unit 22	Practising speedwriting						
Unit 23	Practising writing decorated capital letters						
Unit 24	Practising writing letters						
Unit 25	Practising paragraphs						
Unit 26	Practising presentation						
Unit 27	Revising difficult joins						
Unit 28	Looking at different handwriting styles						

Year 6 Nelson Handwriting Unit Coverage

National Curriculum Objectives:

- choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
- choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Warm Up	Pen Grip and Posture						
Unit 1	Developing an individual handwriting style						
Unit 2	Revising slanted writing						
Unit 3	Practising keeping letters in correct proportion						
Unit 4	Practising writing fluently and legibly						
Unit 5	More practice forming and joining descenders						
Unit 6	Forming and joining the letter t						
Unit 7	Practising joining to and from the letter o						
Unit 8	Practising punctuation						
Unit 9	More practice of slanting writing						
Unit 10	Practising writing capital letters						
Unit 11	Practising spacing						
Unit 12	Practising writing instructions						
Unit 13	Practising fluency, speed and legibility						
Unit 14	Practising the diagonal join						
Unit 15	Practising the horizontal join						
Unit 16	Practising forming letters at the correct height and size						
Unit 17	Leaving the correct space between letters						
Unit 18	Practising joining to the letter r						
Unit 19	Practising horizontal joins						
Unit 20	Practising printing						
Unit 21	Practising paragraphs						
Unit 22	Practising writing double letters						
Unit 23	Practising spacing within words						
Unit 24	Ensuring letters are the correct proportion						
Unit 25	Practising presentation						
Unit 26	Practising fluency						
Unit 27	Practising speedwriting						
Unit 28	Practising presentation						