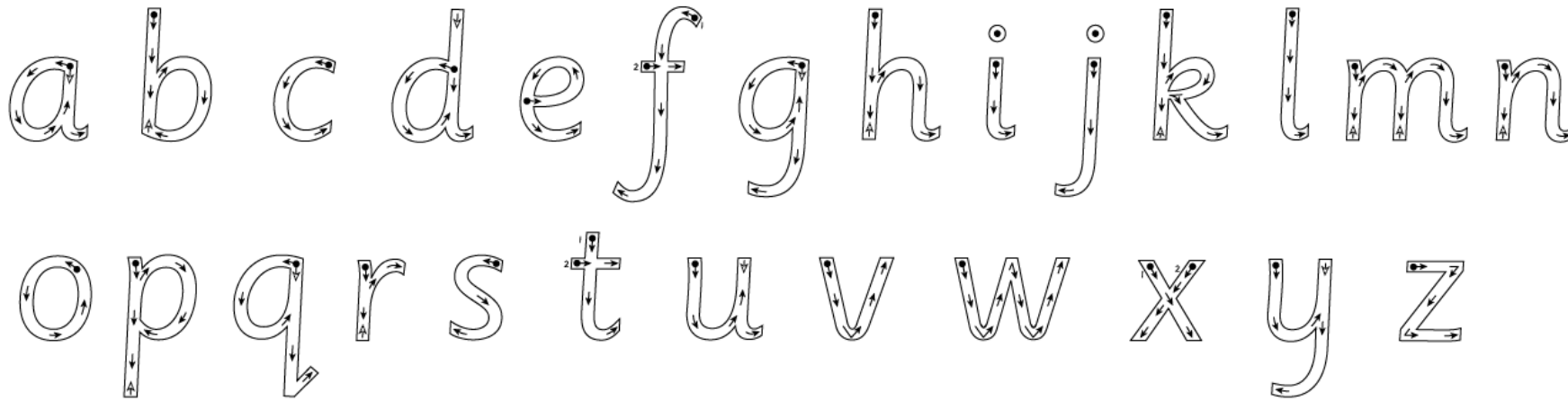


Handwriting at Emscote Infant School

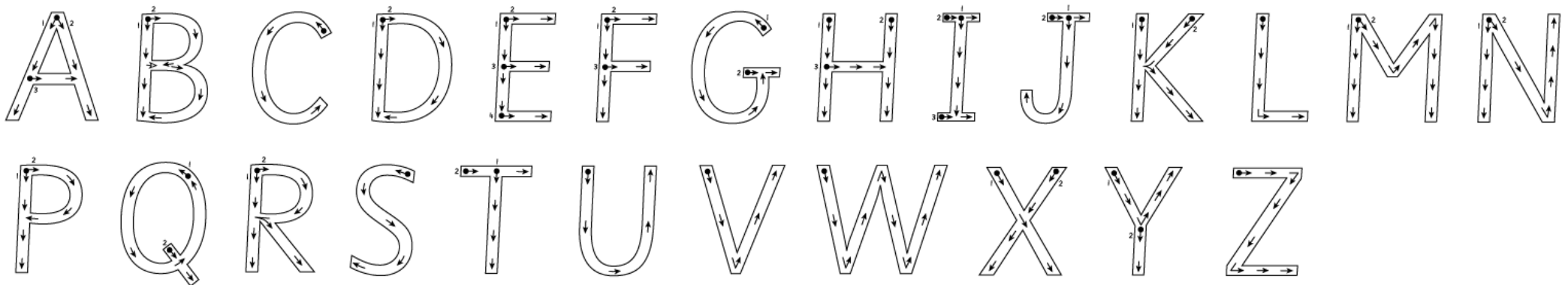


Once children are able to hold a pencil correctly, children are taught letter formation. In reception the children start with Nelson Handwriting. Pattern making is an important step to handwriting and control as a start. Lower case letter and number formation begins, followed by Capital Letters. Letter formation generally starts from the top of letters.

As a reminder, correct letter formation for lower-case letters is as follows. The arrows show the direction of your child's pencil:



Capital letters are formed as follows:



Year 1

Pre-cursive Handwriting

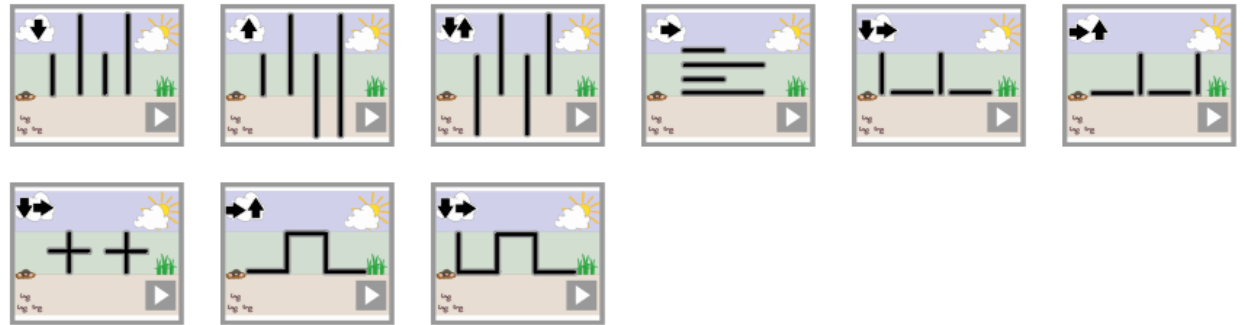
From year 1 children are then taught the pre-cursive handwriting style which starts to introduce the beginnings of joined handwriting.

We follow an online scheme:

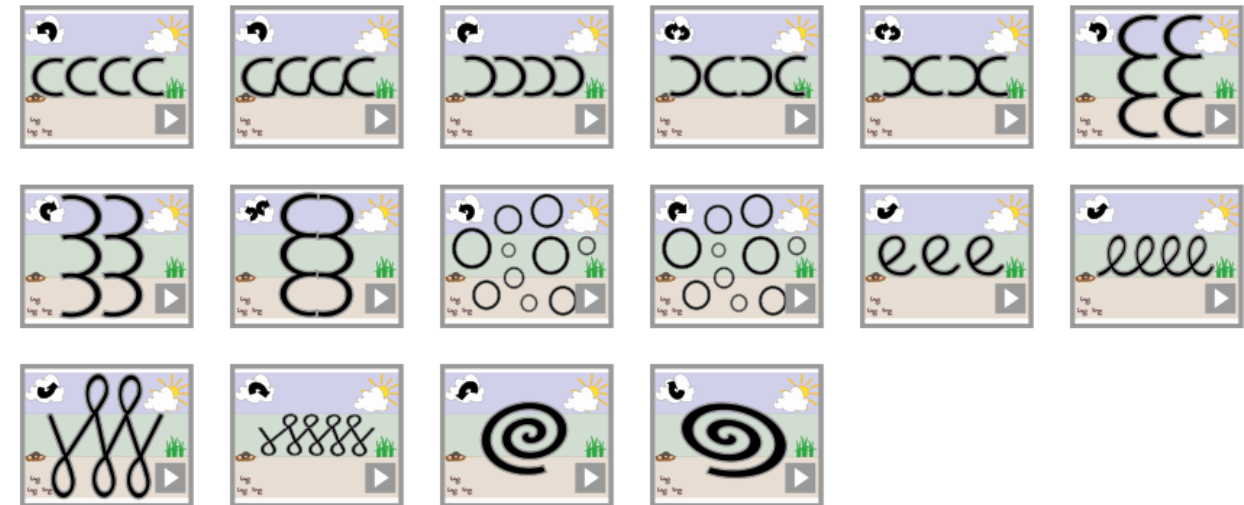
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To begin with, children practise different handwriting patterns to help develop control and accuracy.

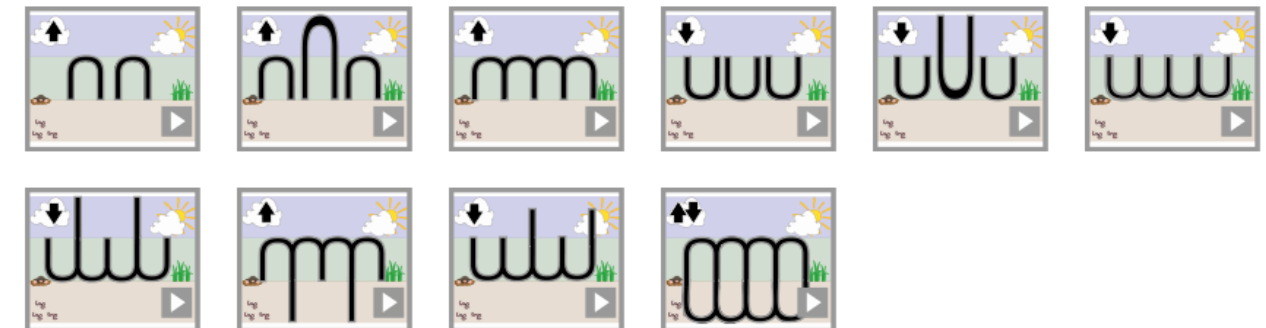
Straight pre-handwriting patterns



Cursive pre-handwriting patterns



Tunnel pre-handwriting patterns



Diagonal pre-handwriting patterns



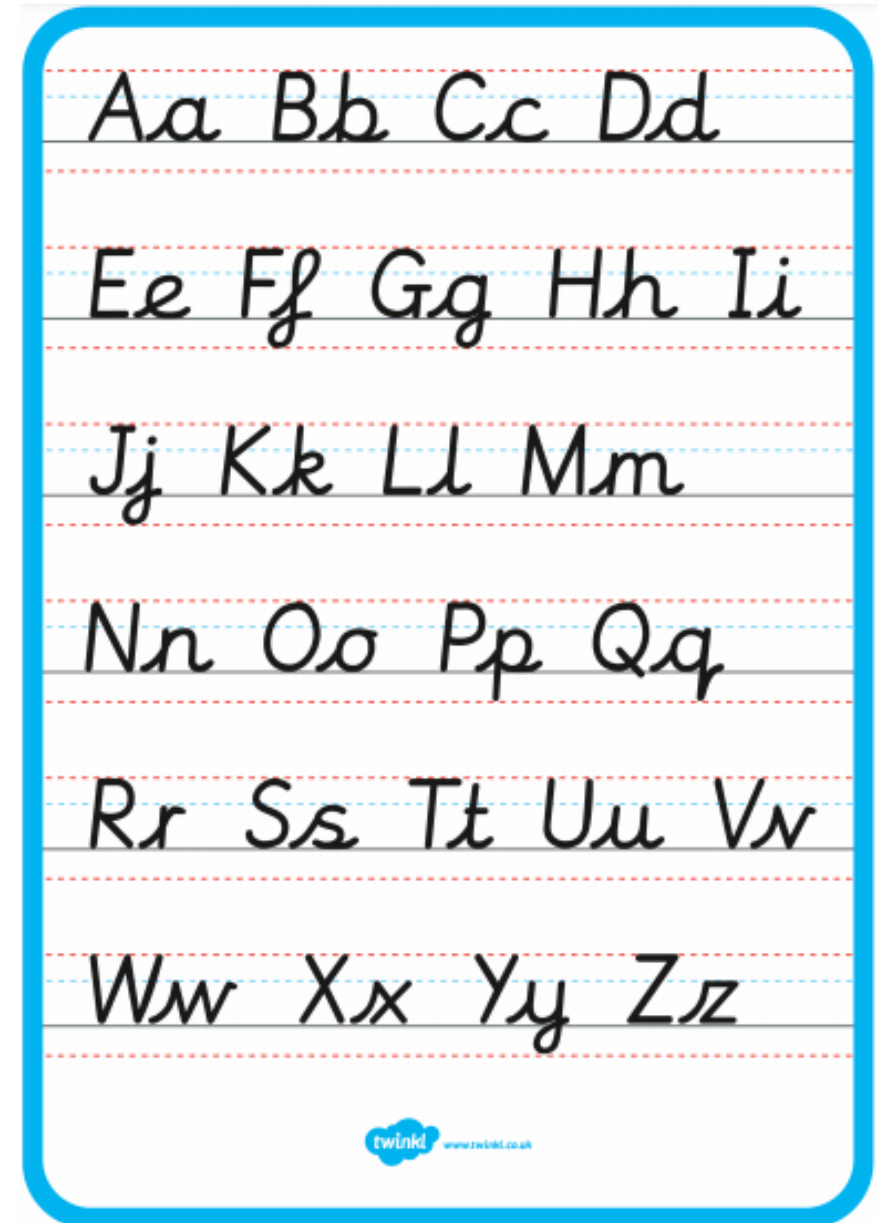
Year 1

Pre-cursive Handwriting

Children continue to practise patterns throughout Key Stage 1.

Once children show good pencil control, they are taught formation of the different letters.

All letters in the cursive style start from the bottom line and have a swish out which begins to start the development of joined handwriting.



Pre-Cursive Handwriting

Letters are taught in letter families to develop the necessary skills for continuing to joining.

Straight lines



Curves to start



Top Exit



Tunnels



Hooks and Loops



Joining

Once children have mastered the formation, they are taught to join the letters together. This starts with joining phonemes and moves to joining spelling patterns. Joining generally begins as the end of Year 1 or the start of Year 2. This helps to increase speed and fluency in writing.

This is how I write my letters at Emscote Infants School.