Bournmoor Primary School Progression of Skills in Handwriting

Year	Autumn	Spring	Summer
N	Use large muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.	Continue to use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.	Continue to develop fine motor skills such as mark making on paper, whiteboards, sensory trays, iPads, tablets etc.
	To enhance gross motor skills through air writing, pattern-making and physical activities	Begin to develop fine motor skills such as mark making on paper, whiteboards, sensory trays, iPads, tablets etc.	Become familiar with letter shapes, their sounds, formation and vocabulary.
	Shows a preference for dominant hand.	Form initial capital letter for name on paper, whiteboards, sensory trays, iPads, tablets etc.	Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
	Start to use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.	Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example. Writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy.	Begin to write some or all of their name, with adult support.
		starts at the top of the page, write in for mulling.	Begin to write some letter accurately, with adult support.
			Begin to use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.
R	Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently, using; pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors,	Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.	Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
	knives, forks and spoons.	Continue to form lower case and capital letters correctly, with flicks.	Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
	Continue to use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.	Continue to write some or all of their name, with the correct orientation, size and on the line.	Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.
	Form lower case and capital letters correctly, with flicks.	Begin to form capital letters correctly.	Securely write some or all of their name, with the correct orientation, size and on the line.
	Continue to write some or all of their name, independently.	Begin to form digits 0-9 correctly	Continue to form capital letters correctly.
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1	Continue to form capital letters correctly.	Continue to form capital letters correctly.	Securely form capital letters correctly.	
	Continue to form cursive lower-case letters with flicks and begin to introduce lead in of letters, where applicable.	Continue to introduce lead in of letters for children if they are being formed correctly.	Securely form lead in of letters for children if they are being formed correctly.	
	Continue to form digits 0-9 correctly Begin to understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these	Continue to form digits 0-9 correctly Continue to understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these	Securely form digits 0-9 correctly Securely understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed i similar ways) and to practise these	
2	Begin to join letters correctly. Begin to write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters Begin to use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters	Continue to join letters correctly. Continue to write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters Continue to use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters	Begin to write sentences in a joining style that has increased in accuracy and presentation. Begin to use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined Securely write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters Securely use spacing between words that reflects the size	
3	Continue to write sentences in a joining style that has increased in accuracy and presentation. Begin to 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	Securely write sentences in joined writing using pencil. Continue to 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, e.g. 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		
4	Securely write sentences in joined writing using pencil and p	Securely write sentences in joined writing using pencil and pen. Securely 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		
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5 Securely write sentences in joined writing using pen.			
	Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:		
	-choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding, as part of their personal style, whether or not to join specific letters		
	-choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task		
6	Securely write sentences in joined writing using pen.		
	Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:		
	-choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding, as part of their personal style, whether or not to join specific letters		
	-choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task		