

Writing at Marsh Hill: Progression of Handwriting Skills



Nelson Handwriting: Letter Families

Set 1: c a o d g q s f e

Set 2: i l t u j y

Set 3: r n m h k b p

Set 4: v w x z

Joining Group 1: a c d e h i k l m n s t u

Joining Group 2: a c d e g i j m n o p q r s u v w x y

Joining Group 3: b f h k l t

Joining Group 4: f o r v w

Break letters: b g j p q x y z

First Join: group 1 to group 2

Second Join: group 1 to group 3

Third Join: group 4 to group 2

Fourth Join: group 4 to group 3

Year group	Skills	Nelson Resource
Early Years Foundation Stage	Develop fine motor control Using correct pencil grip Hand-eye co-ordination Left to right directional flow Producing a controlled line Trace, copy and complete patterns Individual letter formation Double letter formation Forming letters correctly to form words Writing labels clearly Trace and write capital letters Digit formation	Starter Level
Year 1	Introducing and practising letter families: set 1 Introducing and practising letter families: set 2 Introducing and practising letter families: set 3 Introducing and practising letter families: set 4 Practising capital letters Practising numbers Introducing break letters Practising consistent height and size of small letters <u>The Four Joins</u> diagonal join to set 1 letters diagonal join to set 1 and set 2 letters diagonal join to set 3 letters diagonal join to set 4 letters Diagonal join to the top of the set 1 letters	Book 1A and Book 1B

	<p>Diagonal join to the top of the set 2 letters Diagonal join to the top of the set 3 letters To form and join from the letter w Practising the horizontal join Horizontal join to set 3 letters Practising the fourth join to set 1 letters Practising the fourth join to set 2 letters Practising break letters Revising the four handwriting joins</p>	
Year 2	<p><u>The Four Joins</u> diagonal join to set 1 letters diagonal join to set 1 and set 2 letters diagonal join to set 3 letters diagonal join to set 4 letters Diagonal join to the top of the set 1 letters Diagonal join to the top of the set 2 letters Diagonal join to the top of the set 3 letters To form and join from the letter w Practising the horizontal join Horizontal join to set 3 letters Practising the fourth join to set 1 letters Practising the fourth join to set 2 letters Practising break letters Revising the four handwriting joins</p>	Pupil Book 2
Year 3	Continue to revise and implement the four handwriting joins	Pupil Book 3
Year 4	Continue to revise and implement the four handwriting joins	Pupil Book 4
Year 5	Begin to develop a personal style of handwriting	Pupil Book 5
Year 6	Develop a personal style of handwriting	Pupil Book 6