

Handwriting

In September 2014 we introduced a new handwriting scheme at Crooks barn. This is partly in response to the new curriculum in Primary Schools but also because we felt our old handwriting scheme was not meeting the needs of the children as well as it could.

Our new handwriting scheme is called letterjoin and can be accessed online, this means that the children can also use an iPad to practise forming their letters. It follows the cursive handwriting style which is the style recommended by the Dyslexia institute and is often helpful for children with dyspraxia or those that have difficulty with fine motor skills or coordination.

The cursive handwriting style has every letter starting from the same place and aids the transition into joined writing. At first the letters can look a little untidy but as the children progress through the school it will make writing easier and quicker.

Children are expected to start joining their handwriting in KS2, possibly in year 2. By the end of year 6, although all children will use the same formation and letter joins they will have formed their own style of writing which they can use quickly and neatly in preparation for moving onto Secondary school.

As some of the children have used a slightly different style for some of their years at school we obviously understand that use of the new style consistently may take some time.

The letter formation of both upper and lower case letters can be viewed on the website.