

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Handwriting Practise**

Thank you for your on-going support and encouragement throughout this academic year. Your consistent work with your child's class teacher have ensured that the Year 3 children have made good progress this year. However, there is one final area that we wish to enlist your support – this is handwriting. There are two areas to focus your efforts on: letter joins and letter formation.

**Letter joins** can be difficult to write since the children have to focus on joining one letter to another. Please see the letters below that many pupils find tricky:

in

are

as

**Letter formation** is a skill that needs to be practised in order to perfect it. Please see the letter formation for the following letters, these are tricky for children since they have to ensure the ascenders and descenders are accurately written.

and

with

then

In order to support parents and children in perfecting handwriting, I have attached a QR code which will link you to a brief video demonstrating how to write letter joins with accurate letter formation.



Finally, to develop legible, accurate handwriting children must acquire and sustain strength in their wrists, arms and back. As a result, great handwriting can be encouraged by regularly riding a bike, swimming, climbing on large equipment such as Monkey Bars and climbing frames. In addition, the fine motor skills required for good writing can be engaged when children are stirring cake batter, kneading bread, playing with play dough, threading sewing needles, making models with Lego etc. If you would like any further advice on this matter, please do get in touch with me.

I look forward to your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs Johnson

Year 3 Team Leader