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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last term we reviewed our handwriting scheme and decided that we would explore other schemes in order to support children to improve their transcription skills. It is important that when children leave key stage one they have good skills with letter formation, sizing and spacing and that they can do this fluently and automatically. This then supports them by freeing up their working memory to focus on the composition of their writing as they enter key stage two.

After exploring a range of options, we have decided to introduce Kinetic Letters.

Through a range of different exercises and poses the children will learn to use the four main threads of making their bodies stronger, learning the letters, holding the pencil correctly, and flow and fluency, it enables children to develop legible handwriting that is produced quickly and automatically. Every class in school will take part in a Kinetic Letters lesson at least four times a week which focuses on letter formation, body strength and pencil grip. They are continuously reinforced throughout the school day in every lesson. Kinetic Letters supports children of all ages and abilities to improve their handwriting.

All children from EYFS to year 4 will start learning the programme, whilst writing in pencil. Year 5 and 6 will continue to use pens unless they prefer to use pencil. It is important that children use a pencil as they learn to apply correct pressure etc. before moving onto other writing implements such as a mechanical pencil or pen.

We will be introducing a range of awards along their handwriting journey to incentivise children as they progress with their handwriting and to recognise their efforts.

If you would like to know more about Kinetic Letters please have a look at the following website: <https://kineticletters.co.uk/>

Thank you

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