

Cursive Handwriting at Langmoor

Dear Parents/Carers

We have decided at Langmoor that we would like to improve handwriting standards. In order to do this we are introducing cursive handwriting across all year groups. Cursive handwriting has many advantages:

- Letters are produced in a flowing movement, which helps the development of the physical memory of how each letter is written.
- Letters all start in the same place and flow from left to right, which reduces the likelihood of reversal mix-ups such as b/d and p/q.
- Because of the smooth flow, writing soon becomes quicker and easier.
- There is no messy transition stage when children move from print to a join style.
- A cursive style of handwriting is recommended by the British Dyslexia Association.

The following alphabet shows how the children will be taught to form their letters:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Children in the EYFS will learn cursive script. As children develop good letter formation they will be taught to join their letters. Our expectation is that all children will be joining by the end of Year 3. We would like you to be able to support your child and have therefore provided a letter formation sheet for lower and upper case letters.

Thank you
Mrs Bonser
Headteacher