



# Messages for Parents

## PENPALS *for Handwriting*

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During Years 3 and 4, your child will be introduced to the idea of joining most of the letters in a word and to trickier joins such as joining from *r*, *s* and *f*.

As the movement for joins becomes more familiar and fluent, the focus moves to develop a neat and even style by looking at size and proportion, parallel downwards strokes and spacing.

### Joining letter sets for Year 3/Primary 4

#### Diagonal join to ascender (e.g. *at*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

*a b c d e h i k l m n p s t u*

to letters in this box.

*b f h k l t*

#### Diagonal join, no ascender (e.g. *da*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

*a c d e h i k l m n q s t u*

to letters in this box.

*e i j m n p r u v w y*

*\* a c d g o q s*

#### Horizontal join, no ascender (e.g. *wo*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

*f o r v w*

to letters in this box.

*e i j m n p r u v w y*

*\* a c d g o q s*

#### Horizontal join to ascender (e.g. *sh*)

This join is used to join letters in this box . . .

*f o r v w*

to letters in this box.

*b f h k l t*

#### Break letters

These letters do not join.

*g j x y z*

These letters do not join yet.

*b p*

\* anticlockwise letters