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Dear Parent/Carer

Handwriting and Presentation

By the time pupils leave Year 6, it is expected that all children are able to write in a joined style of writing 'maintaining legibility and fluency'; pupils in Year 3 should be moving towards a joined style of writing. This year, in order to improve standards, handwriting and presentation is a key focus across the school. In all year groups, we have moved to a continuous cursive style of writing, in which all lower case letters start from the line. There are many benefits to this style of writing including:

- Accurate formation and sizing of lower case and capital letters;
- Developing speed and fluency;
- Reducing the likelihood of letters being reversed or confused;
- Enhancing spelling as hand movements create muscle memory that retains spelling patterns;
- Improving reading skills, helping children to see words as one unit rather than individual letters;
- Assisting in establishing the brain connections that enhance memory, attention, learning and emotional responses.

In order to support us we would appreciate it if, when your child completes homework, you encouraged them to:

- Use a continuous cursive style where letters begin with lead ins and end with lead outs;
- Take pride in their work;
- Present homework neatly to their highest possible standard;
- Use cursive handwriting when practising spellings
- Ensure that homework is completed in pencil (English homework in years 5 and 6 should be completed in blue or black ink).

Along with this letter, your child should also have brought home with them an A6 sized card showing letter formation on one side and joins on the reverse.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Burger

Assistant Head Teacher/SENDCo

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