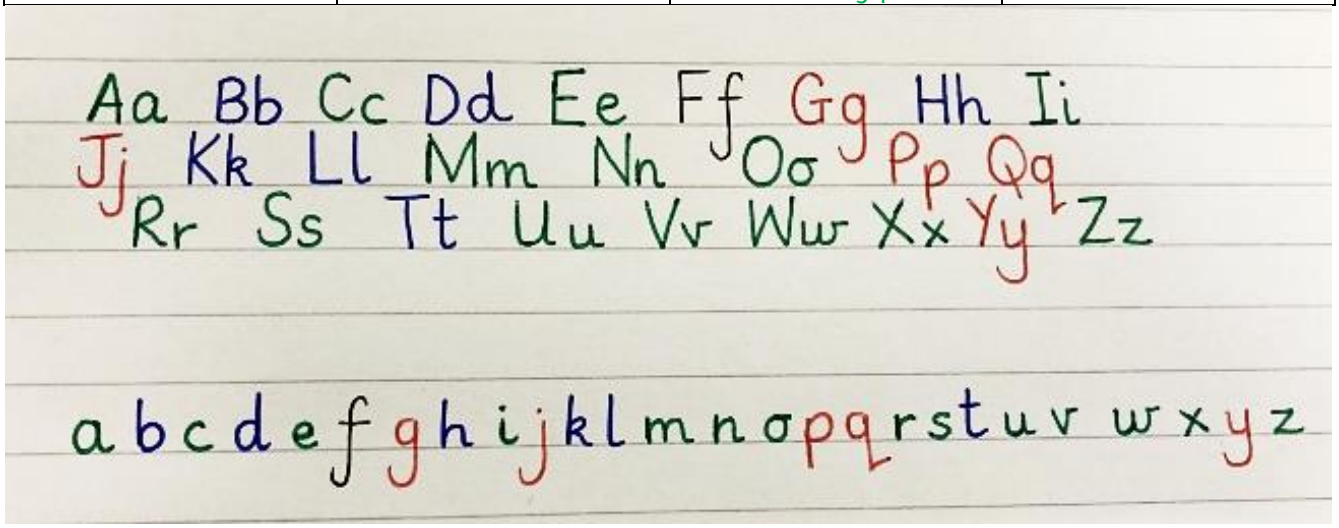
Handwriting Help Sheet

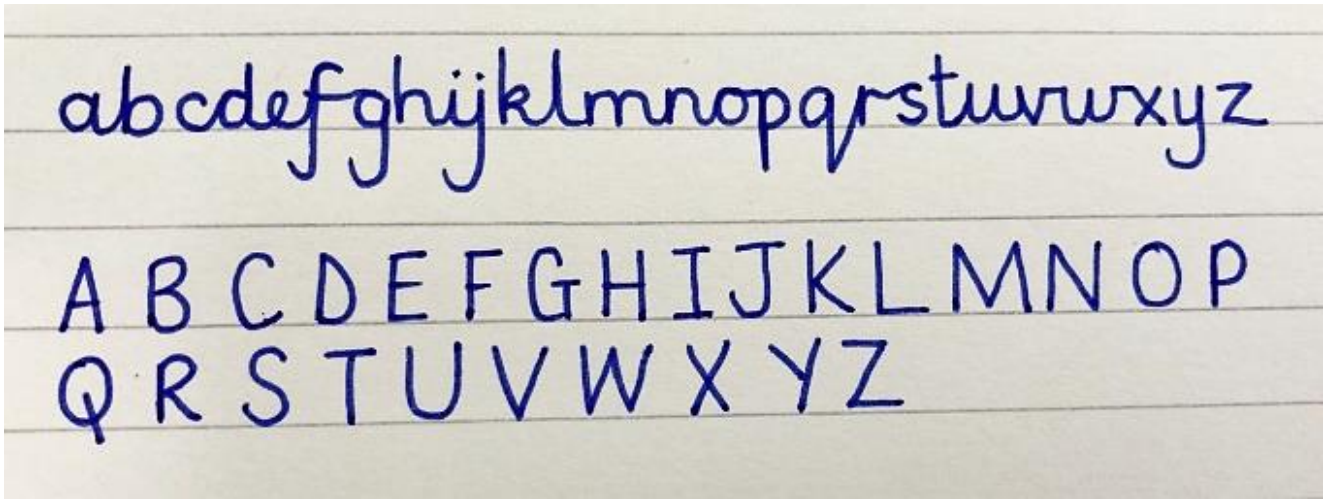
When we write down our brilliant ideas, it's important that people can read them. It is also expected that by the end of Year 3, children can join most of their handwriting where possible.

Here are some photos to remind you about letter formation to ensure your work is neat and clear.

long, descending letters	tall, ascending letters	small letters with no tall or long parts	tall and long letters (f)

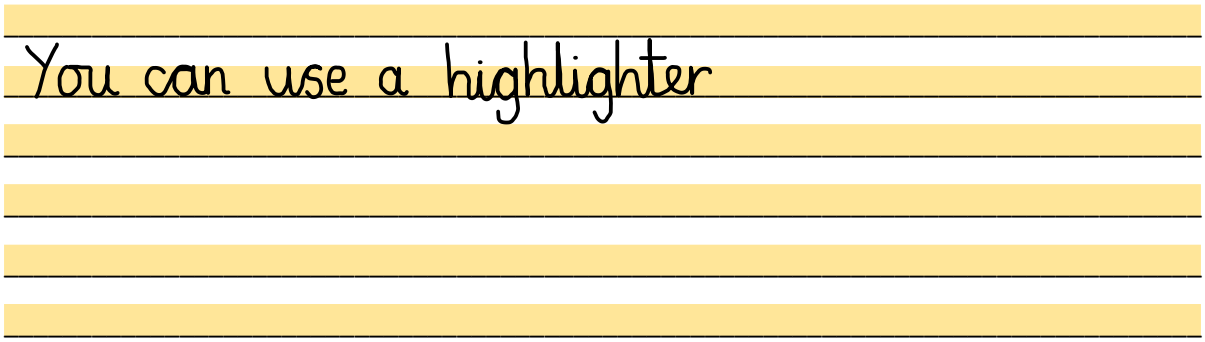


When learning to join, we only join on from the first letter of each word. We don't join into it if it is a new word. We do not teach children to join on from letters which finish to the left e.g. b, f, g, j, p, s, y. See below:



Sometimes in school, we may highlight the lines like this to help children position their handwriting on the line more easily:

Other times, we may highlight the lines like this to help children focus on the sizes of their letters:



This helps children make sure the tall letters reach high up out of the yellow zone, the long letters dangle below the yellow and every other letter that sits on the line stays in the yellow zone at the right size.