

## Handwriting

Correct pencil grip is established at an early stage. Children, who are struggling with handwriting, use a grip pencil to help secure finger position. Provision is made for left-handed children to establish correct position in relation to the table and for their comfort. Early writing 'chubby' learner pencils are used in Nursery, Reception and at the beginning of Year 1 if required.

The school has invested in the Letter-Join programme. Parents have access to online resources so that children can practise at home.

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## Spellings

The emphasis is on the teaching of spelling rather than testing of spelling. We consider the ability to be able to spell correctly is an essential life skill. It is a developmental process of learning to apply different strategies appropriately. Spellings lists are in line with the National Curriculum requirements.

### Nursery and Reception

Children learn spellings through Little Wandle programme and they are given the 100 high frequency words to spell.

### Years 1-6

Children and Parents are provided with the Spelling Overview for each term at the beginning of the term so that they can practise at home. Children are encouraged to look up definitions for new words in a dictionary.