Handwriting Yearly Overview

EYFS – Year 6

EYFS

EYFS — Progression Overview	
1	2
Introduce: Air writing; following the dot to make shapes **Introduce:** Ready to Write routine	**Reinforce:** Ready to Write routine **Reinforce:** air writing; following the dot to make shapes **Introduce:** tracing patterns into drawing patterns

EYFS — Progression Overview

3

Introduce: Simple straight strokes

Motor patterns:
Vertical lines
Short horizontal strokes
Controlled stopping and starting

Letters (easy shapes)

- l
- i
- t

Introduce: Combining straight lines with shallow curves

Motor patterns:
Straight + slight curve
Anti-clockwise movement begins

Letters

- u
- w
- e

Reinforce: Simple straight strokes

Motor patterns:
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Short horizontal strokes
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Letters (easy shapes)

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4

Introduce: Full curves and controlled closure

Motor patterns:
Anti-clockwise circles
Closing shapes accurately

Letters

- c
- o
- a
- d
- s

Embed: Simple straight strokes

Motor patterns:
Vertical lines
Short horizontal strokes
Controlled stopping and starting

Letters (easy shapes)

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- i
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Reinforce: Full curves and controlled closure

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EYFS — Progression Overview	
5 **Introduce:** Arches, humps, ascenders and descenders **Motor patterns:** Repeated arches Taller letters **Letters** • r • n • m • h • b • k **Embed:** Combining straight lines with shallow curves **Motor patterns:** Straight + slight curve Anti-clockwise movement begins **Letters** • u • w • e **Reinforce:** Arches, humps, ascenders and descenders **Motor patterns:** Repeated arches Taller letters **Letters** • r • n • m • h • b • k	**6** **Introduce:** Arches, humps, ascenders and descenders **Motor patterns:** Descenders below the line **Letters** • p • j • y • g • q **Introduce:** Harder shapes **Letters** • f • v • x • z **Reinforce:** Arches, humps, ascenders and descenders **Motor patterns:** Descenders below the line **Letters** • g • q **Reinforce:** Harder shapes **Letters** • f • z

Year 1

Reinforce: Pencil grip / positional words & ready to write routines

Year 1 — Progression Overview	
1 **Introduce** Letter Families: Curly Cat: c, a, d, g, o, q, e, s, f Long Ladder: l, i, t, u, j, y	**2** **Introduce:** Robot Arm: r, n, m, h, b, p, k Zig Zag: v, w, x, z **Reinforce** Letter Families: Curly Cat: q, e, s, f Long Ladder: t, u, j, y
3 **Introduce** Capital letters: Straight Lines: I, L, T, H, E, F Straight Line Plus Diagonals: A, K, M, N, V, W, X, Y, Z Straight Line Plus Diagonal Digits: 4, 7 **Reinforce:** Robot Arm: h, b, p, k	**4** **Introduce:** Capital letters: Curves & Straight Lines: C, O, G, Q, D, B, P, R, J, U, S Curves and Straight Lines Digits: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 **Reinforce:** Zig Zag: v, w, x, z
5 **Reinforce:** Capital letters: Straight Lines: I, L, T, H, E, F **Reinforce:** Straight Line Plus Diagonals: A, K, M, N, V, W, X, Y, Z Straight Line Plus Diagonal Digits: 4, 7 **Embed:** Curly Cat: c, a, d, o, g, q, e, s, f Long Ladder: l, i, t, u, j, y	**6** **Reinforce:** Capital letters: Curves & Straight Lines: C, O, G, Q, D, B, P, R, J, U, S **Reinforce:** Curves and Straight Lines Digits: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 **Embed:** Robot Arm: r, n, m, h, b, p, k Zig Zag: v, w, x, z

Year 2

Year 2 — Progression Overview	
1 **Introduce:** Diagonals without ascenders – up and across to small letters: **ni, uz, li, ai** **Joins in known words:** nill, buzz, click, said **Introduce:** Diagonals without ascenders – up and across to rounded letters: **ha, do, es, co, da, lo, ts, is, nd** **Joins in known words:** have, dogs, brushes, come, glove, shuts, dishes, raindrop **Introduce:** Diagonal Joins to ascender – up and across to tall letters: **nt, ct, cl, ck, at, eb, ul, mb** **Joins in known words:** hunting, acted, cleaned, sticker, Saturday, February, July, November	**2** **Introduce:** Start to use some of the horizontal joins to connect small letters: **on, ow, oi, op** **Joins in known words:** longer, slowest, coin, people **Introduce:** Horizontal Join without ascender- out and across into rounded letters **wa, vo, ro, ws, oo, ra, oe, wo** **Joins in known words:** away, convoy, robe, news, cool, graph, whoever, two **Introduce:** Horizontal Join to ascender- Out and across into tall letters: **ok, ol, rl, wl, ot, rk, rb, wh** **Joins in known words:** token, uncurl, unroll, bowl, notches, worked, curbed, which
3 **Reinforce:** Diagonals without ascenders – up and across to small letters: **tr, dr, in, im** **Joins in known words:** tries, dries, crying, climb **Reinforce:** Diagonals without ascenders – up and across to rounded letters: **ea, ie, no, to, ag, ng, ke, mo** **Joins in known words:** earlier, heaviest, another, toothbrush, agreed, liking, baker, most **Reinforce:** Diagonal Join to ascender – up and across to tall letters: **ik, ch, al, il** **Joins in known words:** spiky, chalk, also, child's	**4** **Reinforce:** Start to use some of the horizontal joins to connect small letters: **ri, or, ge, oy** **Joins in known words:** bridge, gorge, germ, joy **Reinforce:** Horizontal Join without ascender- out and across into rounded letters **oe, we, rc, re, wo, ve, os, od** **Joins in known words:** doesn't, weren't, circle, great, wobble, travel, hospital, nostril **Reinforce:** Horizontal Join to ascender- Out and across into tall letters: **ol, rl, ot, ok** **Joins in known words:** knoll, gnarl, wrote, book's

Year 2 — Progression Overview	
5	**6**
Embed: joins taught so far and demonstrate letter breaks: hugged, hopping, runner, hour snappy, worse, swarm, eye money, alleys, wash, prove shyness, useless, sadly, many craziness, pitiful, happily, water	**Embed:** joins taught so far and demonstrating letter breaks: marrying, cried, saved, could pancake, airport, April, clothes Tuesday, Spring, bare, busy batted, getting, popper, sugar saggy, King's, car's, money

Year 3

Year 3 — Progression Overview	
1	**2**
Introduce: Diagonals from rounded letters (b, p, s) – up and across to small letters: **bi, bu, pp, py** babies, bullies, supplying, copying **Introduce:** Diagonals from rounded letters (b, p, s) – up and across to tall letters: **bb, st, sl, pl** lobbied, studied, sleepier, pluckier **Introduce:** Diagonals from rounded letters (b, p, s) – up and across to round letters: **so, ss, sc, se** sorriest, messiest, scored, exercise **Introduce:** Diagonals from small letters (x, z) to small and small round letters: **zi, zo, xc, xe** sizing, zoning, exercise, excite **Reinforce:** word list words focus to reinforce joins: **br, se, si, ba** February, sentence, consider, probably	**Introduce:** Diagonals from descenders to small letters (g, j, y): **gr, gi, ji, ju** grabbing, gigging, jigging, jug **Introduce:** Diagonals from descenders to round (g, j, y): **jo, gg, ja, ya, ge, jo, yo, ye** jogger, bigger, jammy, yappy, targeting, enjoying, you, yes **Introduce:** Diagonals from descenders to tall letters (g, j, y): **gl, gh, gt** gladness, glumness, weight, length **Introduce:** No join from q: **qu** quest, question, quietly, quite

Year 3 — Progression Overview	
3 **Introduce:** Diagonals from descenders (f) to small, round and tall letters: **fi, fu, fa, fl** finally, gracefully, faintly, flame **Introduce:** Diagonals from k to tall, small and rounded letters: **kl, ki, ke** prickly, twinkly, kiss, kettle **Reinforce:** Diagonals from rounded letters (b, p, s) – up and across to small, round and tall letters: **br, pi, si, bo, ba, pl, pr** break, brake, pig's, possession, boys', bags', people's, pressure	**4** **Reinforce:** Diagonals from descenders to small, round and tall letters (g, j, y): **gr, gu, ju, ge** disagree, disguise, misjudge, mismanage **Reinforce:** Diagonals from descenders (f) to small, round and tall letters: **fr, fi, fe, fl** infrequent, infinite, imperfect, flight **Reinforce:** Diagonals from small letters (x, z) to small and small round letters: **xp, xi, zi, zo** exposure, exit, dozing, zone **Reinforce:** Diagonals to small letters from q: **Qu – no join** quarter, quaver **Reinforce:** Diagonals from k to tall, small and rounded letters: **kl, ke** wrinkle, handkerchief
5 **Embed:** All joins for fully joined style: weigh, eighty, obey, complete science, fascinate, chef, regular monarch, character, division, natural leisure, closure, texture, surprise affect, effect, great, decide	**6** **Embed:** All joins for fully joined style: irregular, irrelevant, reappear, special knock, gnash, Egypt, caught erosion, explosion, dislike, naughty inability, illegal, impatient, strength sharks', machines', women's, centre

Year 4

Year 4 — Progression Overview	
1 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: focused, frightened, forgetting, accidentally excitedly, strangely, lazily, occasionally wriggly, grizzly, physically, believe muscle, descend, parachute, calendar vein, veil, prey, build	2 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: invasion, vision, information, favourite invention, operation, extension, grammar impression, permission, magician, imagine comb, doubt, cakes', knowledge mist, missed, plain, business
3 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: hazardous, dangerous, vigorous, experiment courageous, curious, hideous, experience defrost, dehydrate, overwhelm, bicycle irrational, refresh, bought, difficult	4 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: subheading, submerge, intergalactic, famous superpower, superwoman, antioxidant, guard autopilot, automatic, young, position weather, whether, gadget, medicine
5 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: vague, plague, mosque, library synagogue, mysterious, population, opposite expansion, obsession, optician, promise perilous, thunderous, glamorous, reign courageous, outrageous, furious, straight	6 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: follower, beginner, crypt, nourish mislead, anticlockwise, irregular, autograph observation, probably, historically, truly capture, illusion, tension, discussion joyous, serious, architect, chute

Year 5

Year 5 — Progression Overview	
1 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: compelled, admitted, quickly, accommodate sneakily, craftily, miserably, according energetically, specifically, receive, opportunity trouble, courage, co-ordinate, rhyme hour, ghost, vehicle, queue	2 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: relation, perfection, repulsion, immediately politician, musician, bicycle, equipment pentagon, hexagon, octagon, average subzero, interview, supersonic, criticise

Year 5 — Progression Overview	
3 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: murderous, poisonous, humorous, temperature advantageous, furious, courteous, recommend referring, preferred, different, determined though, thought, enough, excellent	**4** **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: non-stick, non-stop, pre-cut, sincerely aquarium, aquamarine, deceive, variety wrinkle, whole, answer, awkward affect, effect, heard, bargain
5 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: intrigue, dialogue, unique, apparent deferred, transferring, suffering, embarrass precious, delicious, nutritious, exaggerate dough, through, cough, foreign re-usable, de-escalate, multicolour, frequently	**6** **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: measure, treasure, moisture, parliament evening, interesting, circuit, stomach salmon, would, listen, physical whose, who's, past, privilege stationary, stationery, steal, signature

Year 6

Year 6 — Progression Overview	
1 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: malicious, ferocious, infectious, government official, special, essential, cemetery adorable, considerable, comfortable, mischievous noticeable, horrible, terribly, committee flexible, flexibly, telescope, conscious	**2** **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: hesitant, tolerance, intelligence, nuisance inferring, buffered, offering, correspond suspicious, spacious, ambitious, guarantee superficial, artificial, potential, convenience bought, plough, translucent, aggressive
3 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: frightening, propeller, myth, persuade mistake, imbalance, population, marvellous usually, gloomily, electronically, recognise leisure, nature, division, interfere	**4** **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: humorous, spontaneous, invention, desperate monarch, stomach, brochure, necessary league, technique, fascinate, vegetable weighty, eighty, cautious, appreciate

Year 6 — Progression Overview	
5 **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: crucial, partial, confident, sufficient reasonable, incredible, sensibly, restaurant difference, receipt, conceit, sacrifice rough, although, guess, prejudice weather, whether, groan, ancient	**6** **Consolidate:** Fully joined style: accompany, achieve, amateur, attached bruise, category, communicate, community competition, conscience, curiosity, dictionary disastrous, environment, especially, explanation familiar, forty, harass, hindrance

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