

## *Handwriting*

At Calverton, our aim is that pupils will be supported to develop a handwriting style which is clear, joined and fluid. Inevitably some will be neater than others, but each child can acquire a consistent and fluent style. Although there are many opportunities to practice handwriting across the curriculum, we will also provide regular lessons for teaching and revising these skills. Formal handwriting skills will be taught regularly and systematically through the use of the PENPALS Handwriting scheme (Cambridge University Press).

### *How can you help your child?*

Have a small selection of handwriting materials readily available at home. Soft pencils fibre-tip pens and some sheets of A4 typing paper are enough for a start.

Encourage your child to write on a line, even if they have to draw it themselves. Encourage your child to join his/her writing in any work brought home.

Let handwriting play a part in your family's daily life, for example:

- making lists and labels
- keeping a family diary
- leaving notes for each other in busy households
- keeping in touch with distant friends and relatives
- designing and making home-made notepads and greetings cards.
- Many children like to do their homework lying on the floor, but don't let them! So do your best to provide somewhere where your child can work, the end of the kitchen table is perfect!

Praise, praise, praise!