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The main aims during this year are for children to begin to slope their handwriting and to make sure that the size and proportions of all letters, and the spaces between letters and words, are consistent and even. Attention is also given to keeping ascenders and descenders parallel.

- Formation of capitals and small letters should now be familiar and secure.
- Break letters: **g, j, y, x and z**
- By this stage, children should be secure at joining and able to use joined-up writing for most of their work. Children will be beginning to practise writing in ink.
- Opportunities will also be provided for children to practise writing at increased speed so that they can produce longer pieces of writing with greater ease.
- There is continued emphasis on using the movements of handwriting to support spelling through the revision of common letter patterns.

