

The Blue School Handwriting Progression Map - Joining

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	Year 2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
Autumn 1		<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • 0-9 • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • 0-9 • capital letters
Autumn 2	<p>The children will be taught to form diagonal joins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arm to boat • arm to sun • arm to sister 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arm to boat • arm to sun • arm to sister • break letters: q, x, z • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arm to boat • arm to sun • arm to sister • break letters: q, x, z • capital letters
Spring 1	<p>The children will be taught horizontal joins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • break letters: q, x, z 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • 0-9 • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • 0-9 • capital letters

Break letters: q, x, z

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Spring 2	<p>The children will revise diagonal joins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arm to boat • arm to sun • arm to sister • break letters: q, x, z • 0-9 • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arm to boat • arm to sun • arm to sister • break letters: q, x, z • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arm to boat • arm to sun • arm to sister • break letters: q, x, z • capital letters
Summer 1	<p>The children will revise horizontal joins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • break letters: q, x, z • 0-9 • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • 0-9 • capital letters 	<p>The children will revisit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing line to boat • washing line to sun • washing line to sister • 0-9 • capital letters
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	• capital letters		
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a. The arm to boat join

The arm join should not be too straight or too curly.
(This depends on the school's adopted style.)

Phrase: 'Sweep up your arm to touch... (say letter)'

Checklist

- ✓ write the first letter carefully
- ✓ make the curl gentle – not too round, not too spiky
- ✓ make the 'arm' sweep up in a gentle curve
- ✓ write the downstroke of the second letter very straight

Use for joining:

a c d e h i k l m n t u

to:

e i j m n p r u v w x y z

Break letters: q, x, z

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ai ae aj am ar

ci ce cu cy

di dr dy de

ee ei em er

he hu hi hy

ie ir ip iv iy

ke ki kn ky

Break letters: q, x, z

le lm lu ly

me mi mm mu

ne ni nu ny

te ti tu ty tw

ui ue up

uw uy

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b. The arm to sun join

The arm should meet the next letter just over halfway up. It should sweep smoothly into the sun letter.

Phrase: 'Sweep up your arm to touch... (say letter) and shoot up to the top.'

Checklist

- ✓ write the first letter carefully
- ✓ make the join like an arm – not too straight, not too round
- ✓ continue the line up to the top of the next letter
- ✓ write the second letter carefully

Use for joining:

a e i d h k l m n t u c

to:

b h k l t

Break letters: q, x, z



ab ah ak al

at eb eh ek el

et ib ik il it

al ch mb th da

Break letters: q, x, z

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c. The arm to sister join

The arm should touch the sister letter's forehead and then go to the back of the head as though resting a hand.

Phrase: 'Sweep up your arm to touch... (say letter) and stroke the sister's head.'

Checklist

- ✓ write the first letter carefully
- ✓ make the join like an arm – not too straight, not too round
- ✓ continue the arm join over the head of the 'sister' letter – as though a hand is stroking back her hair
- ✓ go back along the head
- ✓ write the second letter carefully

Use for joining:

a c d e h i k l m n t u

to:

a d g c o q

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ic ka ko la

ld lo

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