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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope your child has had a positive start to the new academic year. We are writing to inform you of an exciting development in our approach to teaching handwriting across the school. From this academic year onwards, we have adopted a new handwriting scheme called **Kinetic Letters**, which will be used consistently from Reception through to Year 2.

Why Kinetic Letters?

Kinetic Letters is a dynamic and research-based handwriting programme that focuses on building children's physical strength and motor skills alongside letter formation. It is designed to support all children in developing fluent, legible, and automatic handwriting by combining:

- **Gross and fine motor development:** helping children build core strength, shoulder stability and hand control.
- **Correct posture and pencil grip:** ensuring children are physically ready to write comfortably and confidently.
- **Letter formation through movement:** using engaging and memorable strategies to teach letter shapes and joins.

What we hope to achieve

By embedding Kinetic Letters into our curriculum, we aim to:

- Improve the consistency and quality of handwriting across all year groups.
- Reduce fatigue and frustration often associated with writing tasks.
- Support children in becoming confident, independent writers.
- Ensure that handwriting becomes an automatic skill, freeing up cognitive space for creativity and composition.

To help you understand more about how Kinetic Letters works and how you can support your child at home, we warmly invite you to attend our **Kinetic Letters Parent Workshop** on **Thursday 13th November at 9–9.30am**. This is an opportunity to see the programme in action, ask questions, and explore the strategies we are using in school.

We understand that not all parents and carers may be able to attend the workshop. Please be assured that the slides from the presentation will be uploaded onto the school website afterwards. If you would like further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to one of the English Leads (Mrs Wright and Mrs Logan).

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Wright and Mrs Logan , *English Leads*



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