

# 4 HOW NELSON HANDWRITING WORKS

The **Developing Skills** books provide structured progression throughout the course. Each unit opens with a **Focus** in which the main objective of the lessons is clearly stated; this is then followed by **Extra** and **Extension** activities which increase in difficulty.

The **Focus Resource** sheets provide consolidation and reinforcement of the basic teaching point.

The **Extension Resource** sheets extend and develop the writing skills linked to the unit teaching points.

The **Resources and Assessment** books also contain an assessment section designed to monitor the children's handwriting progress.

The **Teacher's Book** fully supports all the components of *Nelson Handwriting*. It contains full lesson plans, references to separate **Focus** and **Extension** resources, as well as useful tips on how to develop and assess handwriting skills.

# 5 READY REFERENCE GUIDE

## The letter forms

The lower-case alphabet for Workbooks 1-4

a b c d e f g h i j k l m  
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

The lower-case alphabet for *Developing Skills* books, *Resources and Assessment* books Red, Yellow, 1, 2, 3, 4 and Workbooks 5 and 6.

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n o p q r s t u v w x y z

A letter slope of 8° from the vertical to the right is introduced in *Developing Skills Book 1*.

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n o p q r s t u v w x y z

The lower-case print alphabet

a b c d e f g h i j k l m  
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

The capital letters

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N  
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

These are the same throughout the scheme.

The numerals

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

## The joining sets

Set 1

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

Twelve letters with exit flicks plus s.

Set 2

a c d e g i j m n o  
p q r s u v w x y

Nineteen letters which start at the top of the x-height

Set 3

b f h k l t

Six letters which start at the top of the ascender

Set 4

f o r v w

Five letters which finish at the top of the x-height

The break letters

b g j p q x y z

Eight letters after which no join is made. Joins are not made to or from the letter z.