

# Handwriting and presentation

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# The problem:

“A majority of teachers do not have high enough expectations of pupils’ presentation of their work.

This means that work is often untidy and common words misspelt.”

“Pupils’ work in books is often untidy.”

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# The problem:

By September 2015, standards  
still hadn't improved  
sufficiently, especially in  
handwriting.



# The response:

## Revised expectations:

- Cursive handwriting introduced across the school
- Cursive printing in Rec/Y1
- Cursive font and 'join it' used to create teaching resources
- Higher expectations of teachers' own script, especially on whiteboard
- More targeted handwriting interventions
- High profile to campaign: assembly, newsletters, governors
- More purposeful handwriting practice



# Example of teaching resource

"Dad's forgotten his coat," said Mum.

"Jamila, jump up and take your Dad's to him. He can't have got far."

"Mum, Dad's an Olympic runner. He'll be at the station by now!"

"Try anyway, the forecast's bad for this evening. I'll take your Gran's breakfast. Oh, and I've got to polish Max's shoes."



# Example of teaching resource 2

David's arm is 245cm long and his hand is 113cm long.  
How much longer is David's arm?

$$245\text{cm} - 113\text{cm} =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 200 \\ - 100 \\ \hline 100 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 10 \\ \hline 30 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 3 \\ \hline 2 \end{array} = 132$$

Seb is measuring violas. He has one viola that is 233cm long and another that is 346cm long. How long is this in

# Results so far:

- Some remarkable individual improvements in KS2 (and a few stubbornly unchanged)
- Improvement most evident probably in Y4/5. Y6 perhaps 'more set in their ways' whilst 8-9 year olds were beginning to join but hadn't settled into a fixed style. Slower change for younger children.
- Current Y5 probably has the best handwriting of any cohort we have had.
- The following slides should be viewed as pairs: the first slide in each pair shows a particular KS2 child's typical handwriting in September 2015 and the following slide shows the same child's handwriting 6 months later.





# Child 1 September

Describe the physical geography  
Greece has a lot of seas and  
they are a lot of hills and mountains.  
I think the temperature is middle  
it was a heat wave it was 30°. It  
is nice to live on because it is nice and  
is warm.





# Child 1 February

At the top of the Society  
were King's after another King and  
bottom of the Society it was  
they were servants. The man  
to show there children what  
they grow up so they boys  
the girls wash up and clean up  
child's role was to learn geometry  
so they could build a house

# Child 2 September

It must've been very difficult  
in Greece. If you lived there  
be a little windy so you wouldn't  
crop's. The edge of Greece is  
crop's because it's close to sea





# Child 2 February

\* When we arrived, we  
the museum. The museum w  
introduced to Natalie and L  
awesome people who worked  
We walked up the long  
first workshop.

# September

the honey bunker  
the tree tree. ✓  
the brave horse  
climb a mas





# February

blood all over  
like dirty rotten  
dirty rotten  
loud like  
can hear him

# September

People rule for 1 year at a time.

Sowing and cooking.

Girl's Some time's go to





# February

What colours are Jaguars eyes?

The eyes of Jaguars are  
yellow and blue. Normally  
the colour of frown golden

# September

mophone Bet I  
fish so I have  
wayeh I bit it if  
fo rope and n  
fizi fro PS so If





# February

First, dig a deep pit.

Next, cover the pit with a brown

Now, place the large lump of meat

# September

In a blink of an  
at Ggromit and  
~~Wallace~~ was like  
Ggromit Wallace  
up again so  
play





# February

The dog's bone is white.  
The cat's name is Bob.  
The snake's body is really long.  
The monkey's banana is very long.

# September

The big triangle loge

<sup>were</sup>  
we was in north walls  
logeowen we got there, was a  
went out to Asda and + Pla  
bot her playdon it i<sup>©</sup> played Kn  
Playd on sonic brother it be





# February

## Reptiles

have scaly skin and they lay eggs on land. Snakes have scaly skin and they lay eggs on land. There are turtles. The biggest Reptile is a crocodile but the smallest Reptile is a chameleon. The largest Reptile is a Komodo dragon.

# September

But there was one problem  
climbing a tree that  
over a deep ~~deep~~ rock  
Just then, there was a  
~~and~~ and a bang and  
Robert had fallen into  
pith.

An excellent ending. Any more to be said.





# February

her the sound of feet. Pitter patter, pitter-patter  
she turned round and there standing on the p

I think this is a fo fairy to  
think this because it sound  
little like little like Red R  
Hood.

long ago when the Earth was very young,

# September

He climbed onto <sup>the</sup> the branch on the way  
that he tripped  
blanched and fell! //





# February

~~I~~ I ~~to~~ think it is a ~~magical~~ tale  
because there's know such thing ~~myth~~ as I

e small creatures, pixies she thought, gathered a  
nie, chattering excitedly in a strange language.  
early pleased to see her and kept pulling towards  
e didn't know why, but she felt she could trust.

I think it is a ~~fantasy~~ tale because

# September

I will always try to  
will not doodle in t  
I will use a green  
my work.





# February

He'll is short for he will  
She'll is short for she will  
We'll is short for we will.  
They'll is short for they will.  
It's is short for it is.  
Wouldn't is short for would not.  
Couldn't is short for could not.  
Shouldn't is short for should not.



# September

~~this. books~~  
I will always try to keep my books  
not doodle in them.

I will use a green pen to correct  
in proof my work.

I will always use a ruler



# February

children! Now its our first day at  
Farm activity center and we'll got  
JOBS to do.  
children: Oh NO (growl)  
(over)  
ToShi: What do you want us to do m  
(Nervously)  
Miss Bell: Well some one needs to ge  
Bucket of water for a skat. 1 p  
to the empty bucket.  
William: I'll do that if you like miss.  
I'll push the truck.



# September

I will always try to write on the lines of my book  
the margins.

I will only ever write in pencil or hand writing pen.

If I make a mistake I will cross it out like this.

I will always try to keep my books neat and will not

I will use a green pen to correct and improve my



# February

9. they + are = they're ✓

9. they + have = they've

10. you + would = you'd ✓

You didn't brush your teeth yesterday.



# September

The next step is  
the ~~the~~ plane and pu  
cars, boats <sup>30</sup> stores,  
Then They Show

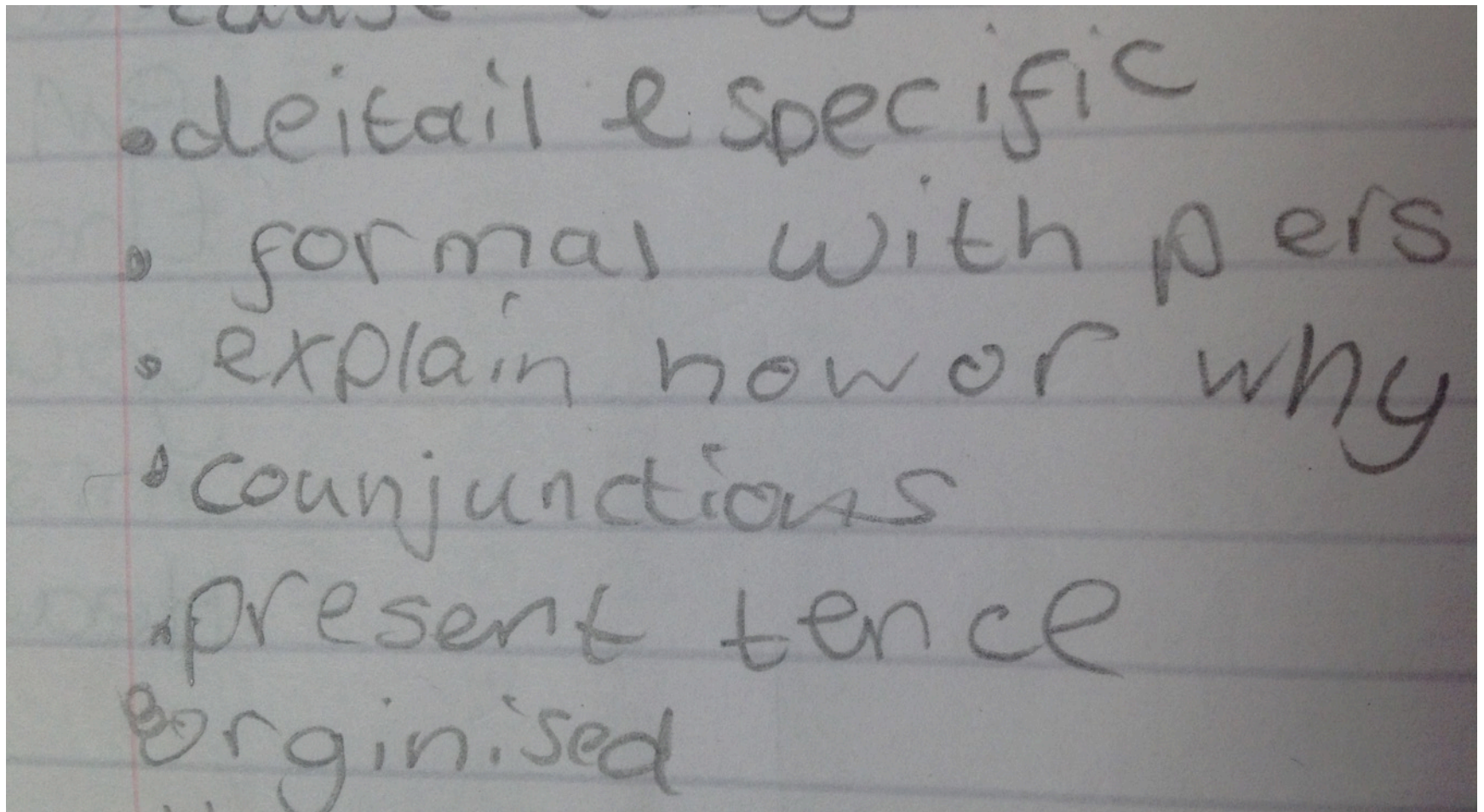


# February

But the moment we  
The horses recovered th  
still land under the  
the troopers fell silen  
walked past unending



# September



February

Charles Dickens  
month. He was well  
social issues of the  
is well known.