

Reasons for teaching cursive writing

- ✓ **Aids left to right movements:** through each word and across the page
- ✓ **Word treated as a unit:** a joined style with loops under the line (top loops are unnecessary and not taught) enables the child to go from the beginning to the end of a word without a break
- ✓ **Eliminates reversals and inversions:** the differences in similar letters in cursive writing are differences in appearance and MOVEMENT PATTERN
- ✓ **More efficient use of movement:** continuity of cursive script helps the flow of movement
- ✓ **Smoother flow reinforces tactile learning:** the sound and shapes can blend together as you go along
- ✓ **No need to change or relearn shapes later:** if cursive is taught from the start most children will have mastered the mechanics of writing by the time they are wanting to express their ideas more freely on paper
- ✓ **Gives spaces between words:** they stop when they get to the end of the spoken word
- ✓ **Gives spaces between letters:** automatically with the joining stroke
- ✓ **Facilitates earlier development of personal style**
- ✓ **Gives potential for speeding up**