

Stage 3 Handwriting

Children return to Letter Village for Stage 3. They will learn two joins: the 'hill' join and the 'bridge' join. There are three variations of both joins:

Hill to jam letter

Hill to top sponge letter

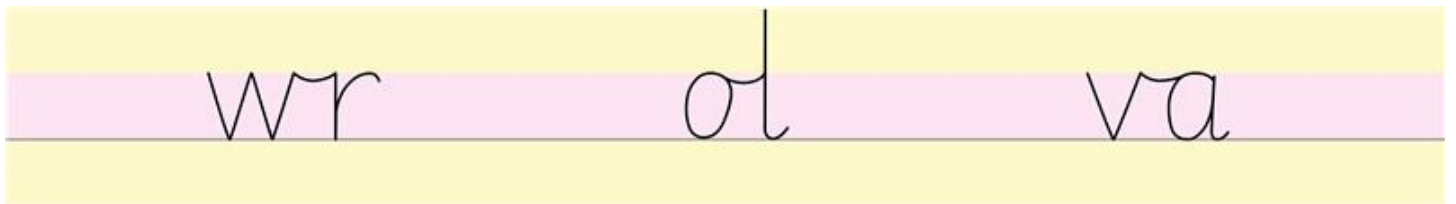
Hill to 'sister' letter



Bridge to jam letter

Bridge to top sponge letter

Bridge to 'sister' letter



Children practise each join with specific letter combinations. Then they write words with the joins they have practised.

We teach children that all letters are joined with the 'hill' or 'bridge' join with the exception of g, j, q, y and z:



We modify some letters to allow them to join. For example, r, e and s.



Children will learn a style that looks like this:

Welcome back to Letter Village. At
Stage 3, children learn the 'hill'
and 'bridge' joins.

We look forward to sharing our Stage 3 films with schools in Autumn 2. Stage 4 will teach children to build writing fluency and will be available in 2026.