The Art of Handwriting with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To use joined-up handwriting to write a clear, legible guide on how to improve penmanship.

Zara the Zebra loves patterns and beautiful lines! Use this frame to write your own guide on how to achieve neat, joined-up handwriting. Remember to focus on your letter formation, consistent spacing, and sitting your letters on the line.

Having neat handwriting is like creating a beautiful pattern on the page...

Word bank: consistent · legible · ascenders · descenders · carefully · furthermore · consequently · ensure · rhythmically · proportion

1. The Importance of Posture: How should you sit and hold your pen to make sure your writing is neat? Start with: 'To begin with, it is important to...'

2. Letter Formation: How do you make sure your tall letters (ascenders) and long letters (descenders) are the right size? Start with: 'When forming my letters, I must...'

3. The Secret of Joining: What is the best way to join two letters together without making a mistake? Start with: 'To join my letters smoothly, I...'

4. Spacing and Layout: Why is it important to leave a finger space between words? Start with: 'Furthermore, leaving a clear gap between words...'

5. Practising for Success: What is the best way to improve your handwriting every day? Start with: 'Finally, the best way to improve my penmanship is...'

Extension challenge: Can you rewrite your guide using your very best cursive handwriting, ensuring every single letter is joined correctly?