Handwriting Helpers with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To learn and practise the key rules for clear and joined-up handwriting.

Read the front of each flashcard to learn a handwriting rule. Look at the back to see the answer. You can use these cards to help you write neatly!

What is the imaginary line that all your letters sit on?	The baseline.
Which part of a letter (like 'h' or 'l') goes up high?	An ascender.
Which part of a letter (like 'g' or 'p') goes below the line?	A descender.
How should you sit to write your best?	With good posture, feet flat on the floor.
What do we call it when we link letters together?	A join.
Should your letters all lean in the same direction?	Yes, they should be consistent.
How should you hold your pencil?	With a light and comfortable grip.
What is the shape of your letters called?	Letter formation.
What should you leave between each word?	A finger space.
Why do we use joined handwriting?	To help us write more quickly and smoothly.
What should you do before you start writing?	Check your paper is in the right place.
Which character loves to collect neat words?	Pip the caterpillar!