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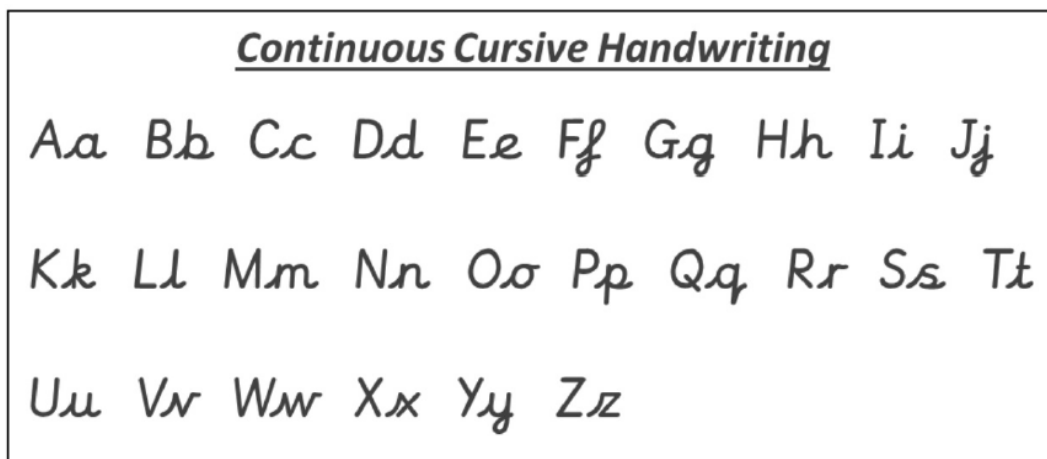
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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Standards & Outcomes**

At Shacklewell we have always had high expectations of our children and consistently encourage them to do their best. Our shared school values allow the staff to talk about these expectations with the children and to link this to the work they complete in class. We encourage the children to take responsibility for their own learning and that they are always focussed on progress and improvement.

The children complete handwriting tasks at school during which they are encouraged to use a cursive script to complete patterns and practice joins. They are then expected to write in this style in their curriculum books like geography, history, writing, maths and science.

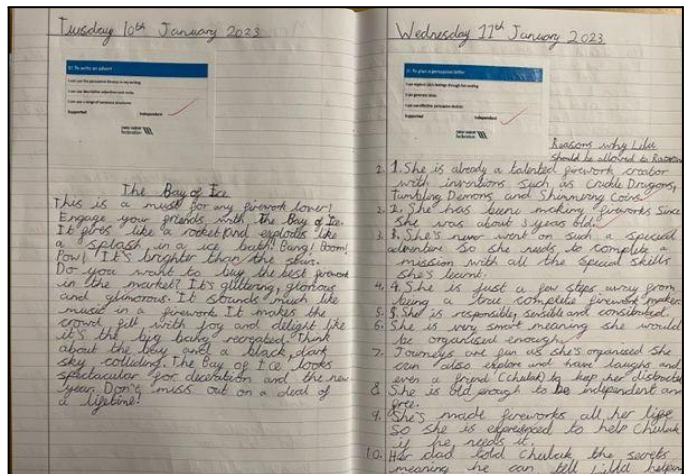
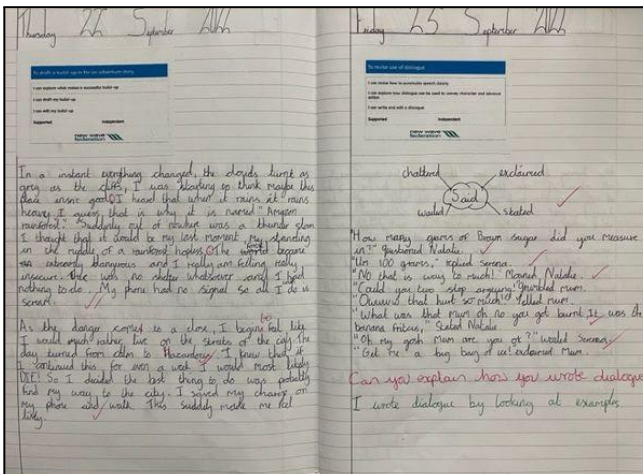
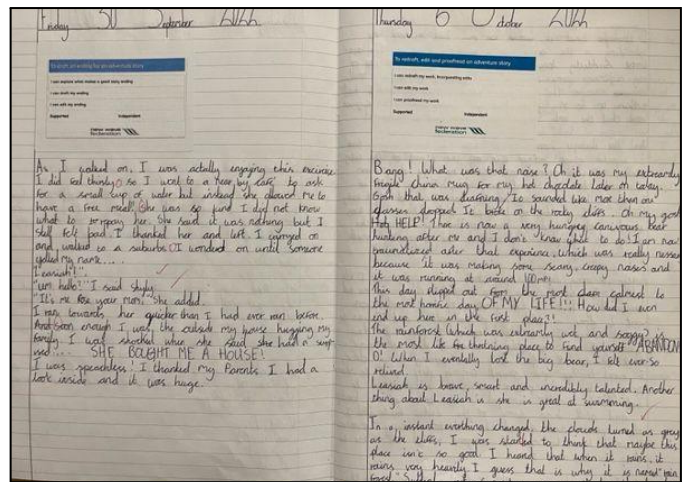
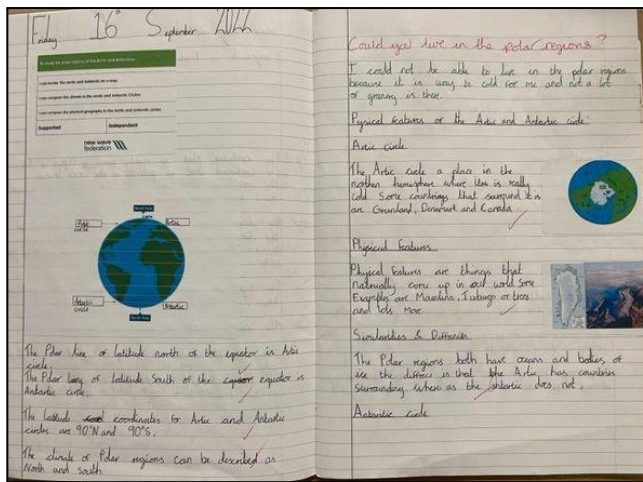
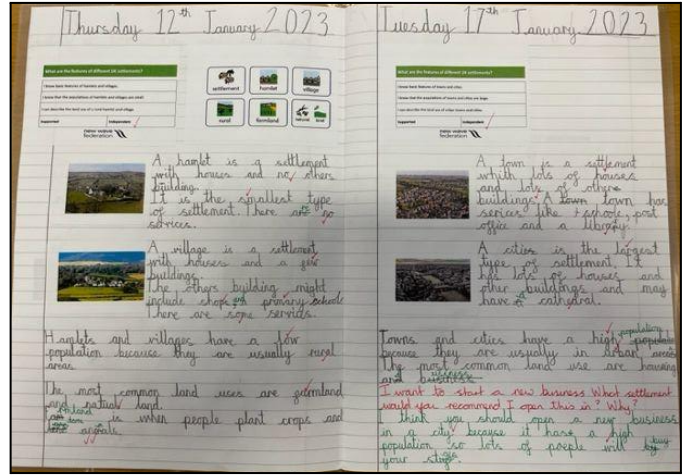
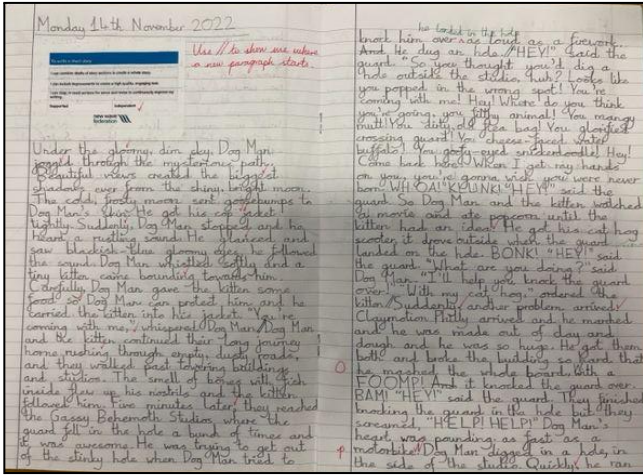


I am sure that the children have come home to tell you about our renewed focus on presentation in the children's books including our assemblies this week. The children have been incredibly enthusiastic about this and there has been a real sense of excitement.

This week, some of our KS2 children were awarded with a new pen licence and microball pen. These were awarded to the children who have demonstrated their maturity and diligence with their work. We also celebrated the children in KS1 who had made the most progress with their handwriting.

We believe that all of our children should have a pen by the time they reach Year 6. With your support and encouragement, we believe that the children will achieve this aim. For those children who need additional support in this area, our teachers will offer handwriting practice books to take home with them next week.

In the meantime I wanted to share with you some examples of the expectations we have of our children. These images come from across the New Wave Federation and emphasise our commitment to achieving 'Excellence for All'.



Yours sincerely,

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