

SUPPORTING WRITING

Dyslexia and Writing

1. Keep copying from the board to an absolute minimum. If copying is necessary, try alternating the colours of each line to help your learner track their place.
2. Provide sentence starters for your learner.
3. Scaffold writing tasks with mind maps and writing frames such as VCOP pyramids (examples are available in TES resources).



4. Provide spelling lanes, word banks and key word charts. Teach students how to use them.
5. Encourage use of mind maps/ post it notes when pupils are planning their piece of writing. Post it notes are great as they can be moved around once the ideas have been noted down.



6. Allow pupils to 'talk it out' before writing. Let them talk to a partner about their ideas so they have clarified their thoughts before actually writing.
7. Pace writing by determining how much has to be done in a time limit and, if necessary, give motivational feedback.
8. Allow pupils to record their answers using alternative formats (mind maps, video recordings/ spoken recordings).
9. Use pencil grips or alternative pens to improve control.
10. Offer a choice of paper size, shape, colour, lined/ unlined, graph and a range of media.

11. Use available assistive technology with appropriate students –
 - computer or laptop
 - free voice recognition such as Siri for ipads voice recognition in googledocs.
 - predictive word processing can help pupils to get started and improve motivation when the work may otherwise feel overwhelming.
 - allow appropriate students to use a scribe on occasions (human/ computer based/ exam reader pen).



Technology to support writing and spelling

www.talktyper.com

Free website that enables accurate voice typing. Access through Google Chrome.

Google docs – voice typing

Access through Google Chrome and a Google email account. Accurate voice typing option (select **Tools** then **voice typing**).

Google 'read&write' extension (FREE for teachers) enables text to speech feedback to aid proof reading.

ipad – voice dictation (Internet connection required)

Tap the microphone button on the on-screen keyboard. Talk. Tap Done when finished.

(Some ipads may need to have dictation enabled - Settings → General → Keyboard → Dictation → On)







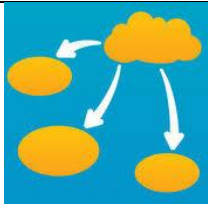
ipad – predictive text

ios8 upwards offers predictive text on the system keyboard. Alternatively, keyboards are available on the app store offering predictive text as well as custom themes, layouts, font, colour etc

Software

Clicker 7 – features include word processor with built-in support tools and child-friendly interface, planning tool, audio note creator, speech feedback in a child's voice, word prediction, sentence building grids.

DocsPlus – 11+ yrs supportive writing software with high quality speech, powerful word prediction and acclaimed wordbars for curriculum vocabulary support.

Ipad apps to support writing & spelling (some also available on Android)	
	<p>Kids Doodle FREE</p> <p>Drawing app that is great for practising spellings and handwriting.</p>
	<p>Simplex Spelling Sight Words £3.99</p> <p>Select from various lists of words. Word is spoken for you to spell. Hints are given in the form of feasible letter choices which develops children's phonic knowledge. Multi user set up. Simplex Spelling Phonics also available.</p>
	<p>A+ Spelling FREE</p> <p>Set up and record your own word lists. Variety of practice options plus test that identifies words to keep working on.</p>
	<p>Squeebles Spelling (5-11yrs) £2.99</p> <p>Choose from preset word lists or record your own. Play games to rescue Squeebles and collect rewards as you learn. Notes your personal tricky words for extra practice. Multi user set up.</p>
	<p>Hairy Words 1 (5-7yrs) £2.99</p> <p>Learn 100 high frequency sight words</p>
	<p>Story Creator FREE</p> <p>Create and record your own stories using photos, drawings and texts.</p>
	<p>Inspiration FREE Lite version</p> <p>Mindmapping and thinking tool. Great for organising your ideas for writing.</p>

Resources Available for Loan – Writing & Handwriting

If you would like to borrow any of the resources below, please contact Laura Bates on 01603 860505 or email dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org

Providing the resources are available and you can collect the resources, you will be able to borrow the resources for a 3 week period.

Writing

Rapid Writing Pearson

Mighty Writer - multisensory writing resource

Handwriting Skills

Speed Up! - A kinaesthetic programme to develop fluent handwriting LDA

Multi-Sensory Learning - Handwriting Rescue Scheme MSL Ltd

Handwriting – A Second Chance - photocopiable masters for secondary pupils LDA