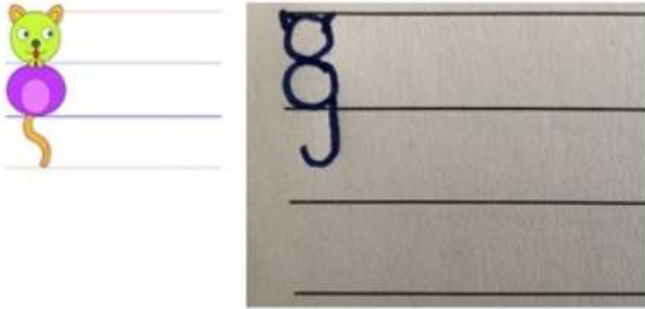



# Handwriting

## Positioning your letters on the lines of your paper:

The 'cat' can help children make sure that letters are the correct size, and that they are sitting correctly on the lines of their paper. You can draw a cat onto the lined paper as a helpful reminder.



Cat 'body' letters: **c o a e u i r n m s w v x z** 

Cat 'body' and 'head' letters: **l t h b k f d** 

Cat 'body' and 'tail' letters: **j y g p q** 

## Letter Formation: Joining

At school we follow the *Nelson* handwriting scheme. Below is an overview of the joins that are taught. In the scheme, they mention 'break' letters (letters which the children do not need to join). However we do show the children how these letters could be joined and that they might want to do this when they are ready.

In this scheme there are four types of join (learnt in a particular order) which require different hand movements:

