

WELCOME

Thank you for requesting this free copy of **The Right Write** for your school. Written in conjunction with the National Handwriting Association, Anything Left Handed (and with help from Year Three of Winnersh Primary School), **The Right Write** aims to meet the National Literacy standards for handwriting.

It is estimated that Primary School children spend as much as 50% of their day engaged in writing activities and the National Curriculum states that "all pupils should be able to write fluently and legibly in printed and joined writing" by the time they reach secondary school. It is essential to teach efficient handwriting as it is the medium through which a child's understanding and ability are assessed throughout school and beyond. However only 1 in 3 primary teachers have received instruction in teaching handwriting during their training, and many admit to feeling daunted by the task (TES, 12th November 2004). Because of this, STABILO decided to create **The Right Write** - a collection of lesson plans designed to cover the criteria set by the National Curriculum and National Literacy Strategy. Special attention has been given to left-handed children, as learning to write presents them with particular challenges.

OUR PARTNERS

The **National Handwriting Association's** main concern is to promote the improvement of handwriting standards in schools and support children with handwriting difficulties. They aim to raise awareness of handwriting as a crucial component of literacy, and promote and foster good practice in the teaching of handwriting. The NHA liaise with commercial enterprises to give guidance on the manufacture of writing equipment and work with central and local government to improve standards of handwriting

Anything Left-Handed are the leading specialists in all aspects of left-handedness. They provide advice, information, teaching aids and products via their website www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk. The company also runs the Left-Handers Club, whose recent survey of left-handed school children explored their experience of current teaching techniques. The results of this study can be found, along with advice and resources at www.lefthandedchildren.org

WHO ARE WE

STABILO are an International Writing Instruments manufacturer who believe it is important that school products are fun and colourful enough to appeal to children, but also have function behind their design that actively help learning. The research and development of our ergonomic pens is supported by Germany's institute of Ergonomics and Design in Essen.

Finally it might be interesting to know that a recent survey by printer manufacturer Lexmark concluded that teachers had the worst handwriting of any professional group! So please feel free to use this pack to brush up on your own skills.

Please do contact STABILO at any time with feedback on this pack. We hope to produce more resources in the future and so any tips you feel may help others would be gratefully received.

Kind Regards



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