

1921 A Day in the Schoolroom - Penmanship Lesson

Today we will be working on page 3 of your copy books – letters in the Roman style. You have your pen and your inkwells have been filled. You **must** be careful with this ink when writing. If you blot your copybook then you will be punished. All of you girls will have made pen wipers in your needlework class, and you boys should all have a piece of rag to use to blot the ink on your pens.

Children – good handwriting is very important. Your letters must be neat, regular, and clearly formed. In order to be successful in this you must make sure that at all times you are sitting upright, with your spine not touching the back of your seat. Your elbow of your writing arm – your right arm of course, NEVER your left – must be kept close into the side of your body. Your copybook should be placed in the middle of your desk, and you should make sure that it is straight. Make sure that you are doing all of those things.

Now. Turn to page 3. Pick up your pen, dip in your ink, and copy the first row of capital letters. Continue working whilst I listen to the older children and their multiplication tables. When you are finished, pens down.

You may leave your copybooks on your desks, opened to the page you have been working on and I will inspect them during the dinner hour. I hope very much that I shall see no blots or marks...

Standards 1 to 7 - listen to me and finish your work. Children – you may all stand.