

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 Pupils,

We are excited to inform you that as part of our linking project with Hazlehurst Primary School, the children in Year 5 have been given a special homework task this weekend. They will be writing an initial pen pal letter to a child from Hazlehurst Primary School. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to practise their writing skills while making a new connection with a child from another school.

In their letters, the children should include:

- Their first name only
- Their age
- Their hobbies and interests
- Their favourite subjects in school
- Any other interesting information about themselves that their pen pal might find engaging

These letters will help Mr Yates match them with a suitable pen pal from Hazlehurst Primary School who has similar interests.

To support the children in completing this task, we will provide an example letter along with some useful prompts. We kindly ask that this homework be completed over the weekend and brought into school on Monday, 3rd January. On this day, the children will have the opportunity to edit and refine their letters before they are shared with a member of staff from Hazlehurst Primary School.

Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to complete this engaging and meaningful task. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Mr Yates

EXAMPLE

Dear friend/buddy,[Pen Pal's Name],

Hello! My name is [Your Name], and I am in Year 5 at [Your School's Name]. I was so excited to hear that we would have pen pals, and I can't wait to get to know you!

A little bit about me—I am [your age] years old, and I love [mention a few interests, like sports, reading, art, or hobbies]. My favourite subject in school is [favourite subject] because [reason why you like it]. Outside of school, I enjoy [hobby or activity].

What about you? Do you have any favourite subjects or hobbies? Do you have any pets? I have [mention pets if you have any, or say if you would like one].

I am looking forward to hearing all about you! Do you have a favourite book or a favourite sport? I love [mention a favourite book, game, or TV show].

Hope to hear from you soon!

Best wishes,

[Your Name]

Things You Might Say in Your First Pen Pal Letter

- "Hello! My name is [Your Name], and I am really excited to be your pen pal!"
- "I go to [Your School's Name], and I am in Year 5. What year are you in?"
- "A little bit about me: I love [mention hobbies, like reading, football, drawing, or playing an instrument]."
- "My favourite subject at school is [favourite subject] because [reason why you like it]. What about you?"
- "I have [mention pets if you have any], and I love them! Do you have any pets?"
- "Outside of school, I enjoy [talk about hobbies, sports, or activities]. What do you like to do in your free time?"
- "One of my favourite books is [mention a book]. Have you read it? What books do you like?"
- "I love playing [mention a sport or game]. Do you have a favourite sport or hobby?"
- "I'm so excited to learn more about you and where you go to school!"
- "I can't wait to hear back from you!"

Fun Questions to Ask Your Pen Pal

- "What is your favourite subject in school and why?"
- "Do you have any brothers or sisters?"
- "What do you like to do at break time?"
- "Do you have any hobbies or special talents?"
- "What is your favourite food?"
- "If you could have any pet in the world, what would it be?"
- "Do you have a favourite TV show or movie?"
- "What is the best book you've ever read?"
- "If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?"
- "What do you want to be when you grow up?"
- "Do you play any sports or musical instruments?"
- "What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?"
- "If you could have any superpower, what would it be?"