

Week commencing 22nd June

Year 3/4 Literacy Home Learning (Lessons 1 and 2)

Today, you have got a different job to – it is **writing a letter** to the **year 2 children** who will be **joining our school**.



Do you remember when you were in year 2? You would have been at a totally different school. You probably didn't know our school at all. Do you remember how big it felt? Were you scared? Were you excited?

The year 2 children are mainly at home at the moment. They will be joining our school soon. Some of them feel nervous or worried but some of them feel quite excited.

Mrs. Carlisle and the year 3/4 teachers would like you to do a special job for us: **write a letter to the year 2 children**. The purpose of the letter is to **tell them about our school** so that they feel like they know a little bit more about us. Also, so that they are less worried and are more looking forward to joining our school.

Mrs Carlisle and the year 3/4 teachers think that the **year 2 children will really appreciate a letter from a child who is already in the school**.

Task 1 Make a long list of everything in your brain that you want to tell year 2 starting with the most important things.

I am now going to teach you **how to organise your letter**.
Below is a plan of how to set it out. **Each coloured box shows you a different paragraph** and the writing inside each box tells you what information to put in each paragraph.

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Dear Year 2,

Monday 22nd June 2020

In paragraph 1; ask the year 2 a question, introduce yourself and explain what year you will be in when they come to our school.

In paragraph 2, explain about the school building, children and teachers.

In paragraph 3, explain about the year 2s' new teachers, work and play times.

In paragraph 4, tell the year 2 what to do if they have a problem at school and anything else that you think is important, interesting or exciting.

End your letter with 2 sentences linked to what the year 2 might look forward to and say who the letter is from.

Task 2: Using the blank planning boxes below, **sort the things on your long list into the paragraphs.**

The image shows a vertical stack of four rectangular boxes, each a different color, intended for planning. From top to bottom, the colors are light blue, grey, yellow, and green. Each box is empty and has a thin blue border.

Task 3 : read the letter that I have written. *I have written my letter as if I am a current year 3 girl called Charlotte. I used the planning sheet from 2 pages ago to help me write it.*

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The school building is quite big. There are 11 classrooms, a big hall and a fantastic dining room which we call 'The Forest Hub.' (Dinners are nice but you can have a pack up if you want). On your first day, you'll get a big tour so that you know your way around. Don't worry if you get stuck, there will always be a handy year 4 or an adult around. Each classroom has a teacher. Some classrooms have more than one teacher and a teaching assistant! Years 5 and 6 (we call Upper School) are in one end of school and years 3 and 4 (we call Lower School) are in the other.

Whichever teacher you have, you will be fine in any of their classes. They are all different and care about each and every one of us. We work hard but we have a lot of fun too! If you like science experiments, art or sports, you are in for a treat! Playtimes are great. We have one in the morning and a big lunchtime. We have so many weird and wonderful things to play with. I love building things with old tyres! (Just to let you know – there is a tuck shop at break times. I love the teacakes from there)!

I was just trying to think of anything else to tell you. Ah, if you have any worries at school or are finding work difficult, just tell a year 4 or better still the teacher. All of the adults in school are really nice so they sort out any problems that you may have. If you don't want to tell anyone at school, just tell an adult at home and they can sort out any difficulties with the adults in school. What else haven't I told you?

There are lots of different clubs to join, both at lunch time and after school. If you want to learn to play a musical instrument, you can do that too! We also go on lots of trips. My favourite this year was to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Oh, I forgot to tell you, you can come to school on your scooter or bike if you want and park them in the cycle shelter or scooter sheds!

I bet that you can't wait to get started now!

Looking forward to seeing you in class or on the playground!

From

Charlotte



Task 4: Now, it is your turn to write your letter. Do not worry about making any mistakes because you are going to do a best copy of it later. Do you remember how to set it out? LOOK BACK at my plan and letter.

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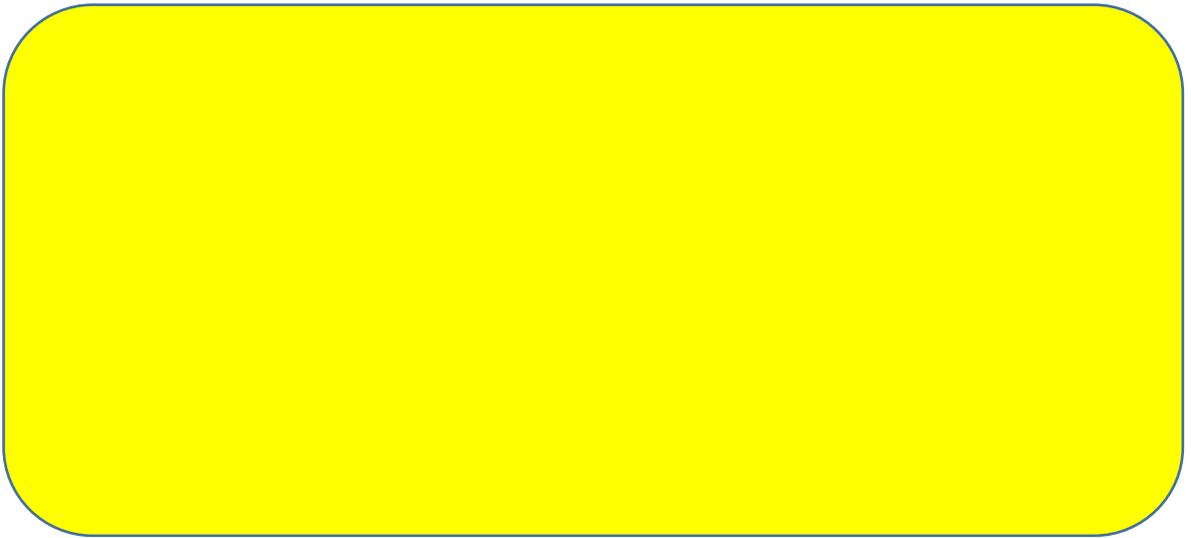
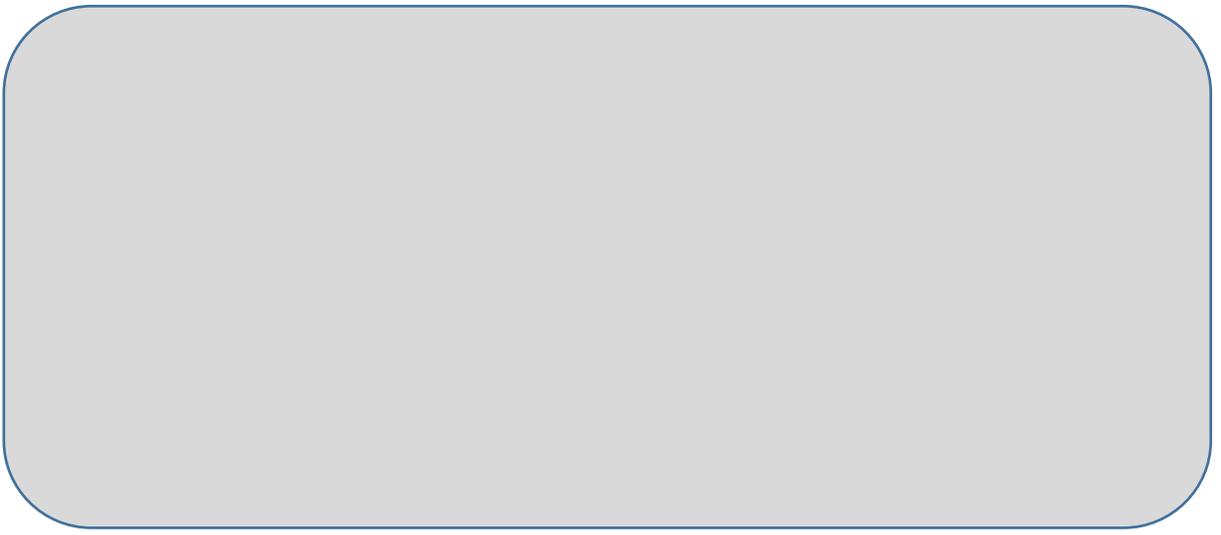
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A large, empty, light blue rounded rectangular box intended for writing the letter.



Task 5: Now, *read through your letter*. **Check** that it makes **complete sense**. Check your **punctuation** and **spelling**. Try to get an adult to at home to check your letter too.

Task 6: *Copy your letter* out in your **best handwriting**. You could **add some pictures** too! Look how my letter looks now!



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From

Charlotte

Now that your letter is finished. Ask an adult at home to photograph or scan your letter.

IMPORTANT:

Your letter is going to be sent to the Year 2 children.

Send it to us at our email address and we will forward them to the year 2s! lowerschool@pocklingtonjuniors.co.uk **THANK YOU!**