

Literacy

Activity 1: Please edit your poem (checking for punctuation) then write or type it up. You could draw illustrations around the edge to make it personal to you.

Activity 2: We have received the letter below from PCSO Amy Mair. Macclesfield Police would like to know a bit more about you and what you have been up to during lockdown.

Try to think back to your first term in Year 5 when we wrote letters as Rose Blanche. Let's try to include some of those skills in this letter too.

Skills to use:

Subordinate clauses at the beginning or end of a sentence (as, when, because, whilst, if)

Example: Because of the lockdown, I couldn't go to my friend's party OR I couldn't go to my friend's party because of the lock down.

Modal verbs – (would, could, should, wouldn't, couldn't, will, won't)

Example – I can't wait to get back to school

Relative clauses introduced with a relative pronoun (who, which, that) and in parenthesis.

Example – My brother, who is older than me, keeps hogging the TV.

I have written an example letter for you to give you some ideas of how you can structure your writing.



Good morning children!

It's me again! I have a new project for you! This time I want you practice your literacy skills by writing a letter to Macclesfield Police. Here are a few ideas of what you can include in your letter-

- What have you been doing at home to stay busy?
- What is your favourite lesson at school and why?
 - What are your hopes and aspirations?
- Can you draw a picture of yourself on the letter?
- Can you design and draw a picture of your own stamp to go on the letter?

Parents- I will be displaying the writing on our police social media accounts so please like 'Macclesfield South Police' on Facebook and Twitter. If there is any issues with putting any children's work online please let me know.

Thank you again,
Amy Mair PCSO.

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Dear Amy Mair PCSO,

Firstly, thank you for asking me to write to you and the police. I am sure it **must** be a very busy time for the police as you are trying hard to help the community. I hope my letter **can** help to brighten up your day.

My name is Mrs Schofield and I am a teacher at Ash Grove Academy. Even though I am not in school every day at the moment, I have been working from home by preparing and marking work that my class send me. **Because this is very different to how I normally work**, it has taken some time to adjust to it. I am thoroughly enjoying staying in contact with my class but I **can't** wait until I get to teach them properly again.

Aside from school work, I have been enjoying the sunshine. My two dogs, **who are called Alfie and Charlie**, love spending the day in the garden with me. **When the weather has been rainy**, I have been doing lots of jobs I don't normally get time to do. You **wouldn't** believe how much clutter I have managed to sort out.

When I am in school, my favourite lesson to teach is Math. This is because I get to see the children, **who sometimes find things tricky**, have magic moments where they suddenly understand. **Because I found it hard at school**, I like to try and make maths easy for my class to master. Art, **that is sometimes very messy**, is also one of my favourite lessons to teach.

At the moment, it is my hope that we **can** get back to school soon so that I can see my class again. However, for now, we are all safer at home.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Schofield

Skills:

Subordinate clause

Modal verbs

Relative clauses