

# MR MAGLUMP

## Activity – Write a hand-written letter

One of our favourite moments in *Mr Maglump* is when Timmy writes a letter to Mr Maglump, inviting him to come round for dinner.

There is something really special about receiving a hand-written letter. It shows someone cares and has taken the time to sit down and think about you.

### National Curriculum links:

*English – Year 1 and Year 2: Pupils should be able to write sentences by saying out loud what they are going to write about, composing a sentence orally before writing it, sequencing sentences to form short narratives and re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense.*

*English - Year 3 and Year 4: Pupils should be able to write down their ideas with a reasonable degree of accuracy and with good sentence punctuation. Joined handwriting should be the norm.*

### Have you ever received a hand-written letter?

- How did receiving a letter make you feel?
- Did you keep the letter to read again?
- Did you write back?

### Why do we write letters?

We write hand-written letters for lots of reasons. An invitation, like Timmy's letter to Mr Maglump, is one of them. Can you think of some others?

We've listed a some of them here. Did you think of them all?

Letters to say  
congratulations to someone

Letters to make  
appointments

Letters to family members  
who live far away

Letters to pass on news

Letters to the bank

Letters to Father Christmas

Letters to keep in touch  
with friends

Letters to a shop

Letters to say thank you

Letters to ask for  
information

Letters to say how much  
you appreciate someone

### **Now Write your own letter:**

Why not try writing a hand-written letter to one of your neighbours. You can't invite them over for dinner at the moment, but you can invite them to write back to you. At times like this, knowing that someone is thinking of you has never been more important.

You don't have to write much. You could simply check that they are okay and let them know they have a friend. Maybe you could include a drawing too.

If you want to write more, you could introduce your family, just like the Robin family introduce themselves at the beginning of *Mr Maglump*. Or, you could write about your street.

You could also ask your neighbour some questions, just like the Robin family ask Mr Maglump about himself. They can answer these in their letter back to you.

If you don't want to write a letter to your neighbour you could write your own letter to Mr Maglump.

Use our Mr Maglump letter template to write your letter on.

### **Tips for writing great letters:**

- Make sure you use your neatest and clearest handwriting.
- Make sure your contact details are clearly written down at the top of the letter. If they are not, then you might not get a reply.
- Think about what you want to say. It's a good idea to make some notes first. This will ensure that you do not forget anything.



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