



# MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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## Penfriend Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our English curriculum, Manor Court has worked with an International School in France over the last year. Some children in Key Stage 2 exchanged book reviews, shared examples of writing and even held Zoom meetings with the international school, where poetry was read aloud to a new audience.

The French school would now like to set up a penfriend program with our current Year 5 pupils. This would entail the children in Year 5 at Manor Court writing letters to children in the Year 5 and 6 classes to the international school, and those pupils writing back. We envisage sending and receiving three or four letters between now and the end of July. The letters from the pupils in France will be written in English.

The letters will be written during English lesson time. The children will be supported in what they write. The children will give their first names and write about their families, pets, hobbies and school life in the first instance. The children will not include their surnames, and they will not be giving their telephone number or address information – all letters will be sent to Manor Court directly.

We feel this opportunity will develop a curiosity in learning about another country, ignite a new passion for writing for an intended outcome, and will be a way of making new friends. The cost of sending the letters will be provided by the school.

If you do not want your child to take part in the penfriend link, or if you have any questions regarding the letters, please speak to one of us after school or arrange a phone call via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Terry  
Year 5 teachers

Mr Johnson

Mr Staddon

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