

## Core Skills Analysis

### Literacy

- Finn learned the basic structure of a letter, including greeting, body, and closing.
- He practiced fine motor skills and pencil control through writing.
- Finn developed early writing skills by forming letters and words to express a message.
- The activity fostered communication skills and understanding that writing can be used to share thoughts and feelings.

### Expressive Language

- Finn improved vocabulary use by thinking about the content and purpose of his letter.
- He learned to organize ideas sequentially, structuring a coherent message for the reader.
- The activity promoted emotional expression and social interaction through written words.

### Tips

To deepen Finn's understanding and enjoyment of letter writing, encourage him to choose different recipients such as family members, a friend, or even a fictional character. Create a fun mailbox or post box at home where he can 'send' his letters and receive replies, fostering a two-way communication experience. You could explore different letter formats – postcards, invitations, or thank-you notes – to widen his familiarity with writing purposes. Incorporate storytelling by asking Finn to write short letters about his day or a favorite event, which strengthens narrative skills and personal expression.

### Book Recommendations

- [Dear Zoo](#) by Rod Campbell: A lift-the-flap book where children receive a letter from the zoo, perfect for understanding correspondence.
- [The Jolly Postman](#) by Allan Ahlberg: A fun story that features letters and postcards sent to various fairy-tale characters, illustrating letter writing in a playful way.
- [Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten](#) by Joseph Slate: A gentle introduction to school and friendship that can inspire children to write letters to classmates or teachers.

### Learning Standards

- English KS1 Writing: Use correct letter formation and basic sentence structures (National Curriculum for England, Year 1 Writing).
- English KS1 Speaking & Listening: Develop communication by expressing ideas clearly in written form (Year 1).
- PSHE: Enhancing social skills and empathy through letter writing to others.

### Try This Next

- Create a worksheet with letter templates where Finn can practice writing greetings, body sentences, and closings.
- Set up a simple 'post office' role-play area with envelopes and paper to encourage imaginative letter writing.