

## English Planning and Ideas



**Week Commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Year Group: 4**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Area of Learning</b>	LC: Can you begin to identify the key features of a persuasive letter?	LC: Can you plan a persuasive letter?	LC: Can you write a persuasive letter?	LC: Can you write a persuasive letter?	
<b>Activity</b>	<p><b>Starter:</b> Spelling Shed <a href="https://play.edshed.com/login">https://play.edshed.com/login</a></p> <p><b>Main:</b> Time yourself – two minutes - can you remember the key features of persuasive writing from last week?</p> <p>This week, we are keeping the theme of persuasion but looking at persuasive letters.</p> <p><b>Task One</b> – look at the different examples of persuasive letters. What do you notice? What is the same? What is different? Do you recognise any language features from last week's learning?</p>	<p><b>Starter:</b> Spelling Shed <a href="https://play.edshed.com/login">https://play.edshed.com/login</a></p> <p><b>Main:</b> Over the next three days, you are going to use what you have learnt to write a persuasive letter.</p> <p>Your task is to write a letter to Miss Bowden to persuade her to change something about the school.</p> <p>This could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Longer playtimes</li> <li>- No school uniforms</li> <li>- Allowing mobile phones in school</li> <li>- Later start time</li> </ul> <p>These are just some ideas to get you thinking – if you</p>	<p><b>Recap:</b> Read the letter examples from Monday and remind yourself what makes a good letter. What should you include? Look at your plan and remind yourself of all of your fantastic ideas.</p> <p><b>Main:</b> Your task today is to begin to write your persuasive letter.</p> <p>Focus on the following sections:</p> <p>Address Greeting Introduction Argument One</p> <p>There is a word bank below to help you use some key persuasive phrases in your letter.</p>	<p><b>Starter:</b> Spelling Shed <a href="https://play.edshed.com/login">https://play.edshed.com/login</a></p> <p><b>Main:</b> Your task today is to finish writing your letter.</p> <p><b>Task One</b> – look at your plan and remind yourself of your arguments. Read through the start of your letter to remind yourself where you got to.</p> <p><b>Task Two</b> – now you need to finish writing your letter.</p> <p>Focus on the following sections:</p> <p>Argument Two Closing the Letter</p>	<p><b>BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY</b></p>

	<p><b>Task Two</b> – look at the example text I have created for you. Can you spot the features in the letters you have just looked at?</p> <p><b>Task Three</b> – make a list of what should go in a persuasive letter? Keep this safe for tomorrow.</p>	<p>want to come up with your own that would be great!</p> <p>When you have your idea, complete the planning grid.</p>	<p><i>Top Tip</i> – write a section at a time. After writing each section, read it back through and check it makes sense. Don't forget editing is a huge part of the writing process.</p>	<p><b>Task Three</b> - once you have written it, read it through to someone at home. Complete the self and peer assessment – have you included everything? Do you need to do any editing?</p> <p><i>Extra Challenge</i> – send your letter to Miss Bowden by emailing it to:  oxcloseyear4@durhamlearnin  g.net</p>	
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**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Task One - Examples of Persuasive Letters**

**What can you spot that is the same? What can you spot that is different?**

**Can you identify any persuasive language features from last week?**

**What features of a letter can you see?**

Flat 8a Needy Row,  
Helperson,  
Victimstown,  
HE1 9ME

Crimson Lagoon,  
Far Away Island,  
Mysteryville,  
MY57 3RY

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Dear Ms Vengeance,

As the new year breaks and our beloved town is in peril, I appeal to you for your vital help in catching the Phantom Prankster. I know that this is an opportunity you will not be able to refuse.

First and foremost, the Phantom Prankster is a formidable enemy. It is going to require someone of immense strength and agility to match his prowess – attributes only you can bring. Your unrivalled abilities make you the ultimate candidate to provide your services and the glory you will achieve from the victory will be renowned across the land. It's an opportunity you cannot miss.

A useful piece of information to note is that the Phantom Prankster is currently suffering from the flu; his defences are weakened and his judgements are temporarily clouded. Due to his illness, he has not been moving around as regularly as he likes to – the perfect opportunity to pounce whilst he least expects it. Surely you don't want to miss the perfect opportunity to use his flu to your advantage?

A fact you must consider is that the residents of Victimstown are at their wit's end. They live in fear of the Phantom Prankster – many refusing to leave their home in the wake of his terror. The tricks he plays leave them embarrassed and confused: who would want to live this way? His reign over the town must come to a swift end.

Without a doubt, you are the only superhero with the skills, knowledge and strength to battle the Phantom Prankster. Your generosity and warm heart make me absolutely certain that you will want to protect Victimstown at any cost. Don't let us down.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Victoria Timmins

Lilywhite House,  
782 High Road,  
London,  
N17 0BX

Wilton Junior School,  
Soultown,  
Bettersham,  
BE5 5TE

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Dear Mr Kane,

It goes without saying that you are at the peak of your football career. Surely you must want to support the next generation of football heroes to become the stars of football's future? That's why I'm writing to ask if you would pay a visit to my school and coach our team – the Wilton Wildcats.

Undoubtedly, your great leadership skills led England to success in many World Cup matches in 2018. The Wilton Wildcats require skilled and experienced leadership to achieve our potential. Only someone with your expertise would be able to steer our team to victory. A coaching session from you would guarantee a successful future for the Wilton Wildcats this season.

The Wilton Wildcats' track record has taken some unjustified hits over the past few seasons. Despite the huge effort of the team, goals are simply not being scored. With your irrefutable reputation and skills as a superstar striker, you are the missing piece of the puzzle that the Wilton Wildcats need to improve their game. A simple opportunity for guidance from you could be the difference between league success or failure. Could you generously provide just one coaching session to open up years of footballing opportunities?

Additionally, the prodigies of Wilton Wildcats are a dedicated and enthusiastic group of sportspeople. They train every Thursday night, come rain or shine. Shouldn't their dedication be rewarded with success? If you join us for a training session at your convenience, I am certain that your experience with us would be fun and enjoyable for you and any colleagues you bring along.

Ultimately, the future success of the Wilton Wildcats lies in your hands. With just one visit from you, morale can be boosted, skills can be learnt and league victory could be achieved. I'm positive that you'll see the merit in this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Russell  
Wilton Wildcats Captain

## Task Two – Example Persuasive Letter

**Your Address**

123 Apple House,  
Blueberry Road,  
Exeter,  
Devon

**Date**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**Greeting**

Dear Miss Smith,

**Introduction – tell the reader why you are writing to them. What is your persuasive argument?**

I am writing to let you know about a very serious problem: your monkey. Merlin the monkey. As you know, I absolutely love monkeys, they are beautiful, cheeky, energetic and hilarious. However, I have had enough of it stealing all my bananas and it has to go! Merlin must, must, must be given to the zoo!

**Your Argument**

**Tell the reader two or three points that persuade them to believe like you.**

Firstly, I work every day to earn enough money to buy my favourite snack, but every time I go to eat one of my precious bananas, they've been stolen by Merlin the monkey! Friday evening for example – he stole my best bunch! Is that fair on me?

Secondly, he is actually breaking the law by trespassing into my home uninvited. In my opinion you should only have pets that you can control. I know some believe monkeys are fun pets, but I feel that they should just be enjoyed by safely visiting them in the zoo. I am sure that you would agree. Don't you think it would be kinder to the poor animal?

Merlin is, after all, a wild animal who should be spending his days climbing ropes, swinging on branches and chasing other glorious monkeys around. You know it's true! Please visit the local zoo as soon as you can, I could even come with you! Do the kindest thing... not only for me, but for Merlin.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Chair (Your kind and thoughtful neighbour)

**Close the letter**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**TOP TIP – WRITE YOUR IDEAS IN NOTES  
AND NOT FULL SENTENCES.**

LC: Can you plan a persuasive letter?

<b>Greeting and Introduction</b>	<b>Which imperative verbs are you going to use?</b>
<b>Argument One</b>	<b>Which key words are you going to be repeating?</b>
<b>Argument Two</b>	<b>Can you list some expanded noun phrases to use in your advert?</b>
<b>How are you going to close your letter?</b>	<b>Can you think of some rhetorical questions to hook the reader?</b>

# Persuasive Letter Writing Word Bank

Greetings	Opening Sentences	Introductions	Details
Dear Mrs May, Dear Mr Brown, Dear Sir or Madam,	I agree that... It is my belief that... Some people believe that... Recent figures reveal...	For this reason... I am sure that... It is certain... In the same way...	For example... In fact... In support of this... Statistically...
Causal Conjunctions and Adverbials	Conclusions and Summaries	Closing Farewell	Vocabulary
accordingly consequently hence thus otherwise	As you can see... Without a doubt... In brief... On the whole... Undoubtedly...	Yours sincerely, Yours faithfully,	arguments unfair support persuade imperative pros/cons



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Self and Peer Assessment Grids

# Persuasive Letter Writing

	Self -Check	Peer -Check
The sender's address is on the right.		
The recipient's address is on the left.		
The letter shows the date on which it was written.		
There is a greeting to the recipient.		
The opening sentence hooks the reader and explains why you are writing.		
There is an introduction.		
The text is organised into paragraphs, which each have their own point.		
Each point has arguments to support it.		
There is a conclusion which summarises the main point of the letter and reiterates the opinion.		
The letter finishes with 'Yours faithfully' if you do not know the name of the recipient or 'Yours sincerely' if you do.		

## **Where can I complete further work?**

[Twinkl](#) – Subscription service used by schools is offering a free premium service for teachers, parents and children to use whilst schools are closed. Enter the code **UKTWINKLHELPS** for access to worksheets, PowerPoints and interactive games to support all areas of learning.

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