

ACTIVITY TIME

Joey and Riley

Mandy Foot

Joey lives on a farm with his mum, his grandad, and his best friend - Riley, a working dog. Joey and Riley are inseparable, sharing adventures all day long, until Joey and his Mum move to the city. How will Joey and Riley keep up their special bond?

Write a letter

You will need:

- Template (attached)
- Pens or coloured pencils
- Envelope and stamp (optional).

What to do

1. Talk about who you will write a letter to.
2. What does your child want to tell them? It could be what they have done that day, invite a friend for a play date, or maybe a thank you letter.
3. Write a short letter on the template. You can write the letter for your child or encourage them to 'write' it themselves.
4. Your child can decorate the letter and add pictures.
5. Help your child fold and put the letter in an envelope, address it, and let them stick the stamp on
6. Now your child can post the letter in a real letterbox.

Other ideas

Experimenting with mark making and pretend writing is how children learn to write. Praise all of your child's efforts, those early scribbles and marks are their first steps in learning. Talk about posting letters and parcels. Check your letterbox with your child – talk about what's arrived and let them play 'postie' with empty envelopes or junk-mail pamphlets.

STEM Focus

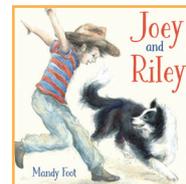
Pre-schoolers make great scientists because they are always asking questions! Use a notebook to start an 'I wonder...' journal and record all the questions your child has. Research answers together by going to the library, reading books, asking an 'expert' or using the internet. Record your answers in your 'I wonder...' journal using pictures or words.

Songs to sing

Old MacDonalld had a Farm, Hey Diddle, Diddle and The Postman.

Key message:

Children learn through being engaged and doing.



Adult supervision is required at all times when children play or are around water.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

Dear

Five rows of dashed lines for handwriting practice.



Love