HeadStart primary

Back to School
Activity Pack



Name: .....

Class: .....

Welcome Back to School!

Starting a new school year can bring a mixture of excitement, nerves and anticipation as children settle into a new classroom, get to know their classmates and become familiar with new routines.

This **Back to School Activity Pack** has been designed to make those first few days a little easier. Inside you'll find a selection of simple, engaging activities to help children introduce themselves, share their interests, build friendships and feel comfortable as part of their new class.

The activities are easy to use with minimal preparation, making them ideal for those busy first days back. Use them as morning activities, lesson starters, icebreakers or simply as a fun way to help your new class settle in.

Here's to a happy, confident and positive start to the new school year!



All About Me

Draw a picture of yourself here

My name is: .....

My favourite food is: .....

My favourite book is: .....

My favourite subject is: .....

My hobbies and interests are: .....

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I am really good at: .....

This year, I would like to learn: .....

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If you could have any animal as a pet, what would you choose? .....

Find Someone Who...

Name of person:

has a pet 

likes football 

has been on an aeroplane 

enjoys reading 

has a brother 

has a sister 

can ride a bike 

likes maths 

has the same favourite colour as you 

has their birthday in September 

Would You Rather?

Example 'Would You Rather?' questions to encourage discussion:

1. Would you rather have a pet dinosaur or a pet dragon?
2. Would you rather be able to fly or become invisible?
3. Would you rather be able to talk to animals or understand every language?
4. Would you rather have a tail like a monkey or ears like an elephant?
5. Would you rather live in a giant treehouse or a huge castle?
6. Would you rather have a robot helper or a magical wand?
7. Would you rather be as tiny as an ant or as tall as a giraffe?
8. Would you rather have to hop everywhere or walk backwards everywhere?
9. Would you rather eat pizza every Friday or have pancakes every Sunday?
10. Would you rather have unlimited chocolate or unlimited ice cream?
11. Would you rather never eat crisps again or never eat sweets again?
12. Would you rather eat breakfast for dinner or dinner for breakfast?
13. Would you rather have a giant biscuit or a giant doughnut?
14. Would you rather sit next to your best friend or sit in the teacher's chair for the day?
15. Would you rather have PE every day or art every day?
16. Would you rather have lessons outside all day or have a classroom with no chairs?
17. Would you rather be the teacher for a day or the headteacher for a day?
18. Would you rather have a class pet or a classroom treehouse?
19. Would you rather go on a school trip to a castle or a zoo?
20. Would you rather have an extra playtime or finish school an hour early?
21. Would you rather travel to outer space or explore the bottom of the ocean?
22. Would you rather discover a new planet or a new species of animal?
23. Would you rather travel 100 years into the past or 100 years into the future?
24. Would you rather ride on a dragon or a giant eagle?
25. Would you rather explore a haunted castle or a mysterious jungle?
26. Would you rather spend a night on the Moon or under the sea?
27. Would you rather have super speed or super strength?
28. Would you rather be able to breathe underwater like a fish or climb like a monkey?
29. Would you rather meet a friendly shark or a friendly crocodile?
30. Would you rather be able to talk to dogs or talk to cats?
31. Would you rather have summer all year or snow all year?
32. Would you rather live by the beach or in the countryside?
33. Would you rather have no television for a month or no computer games for a month?
34. Would you rather always have to wear wellies or always have to wear slippers?
35. Would you rather spend the day at a theme park or a water park?
36. Would you rather have your birthday twice a year or have Christmas twice a year?
37. Would you rather be really funny or really clever?
38. Would you rather be brilliant at sport or brilliant at music?
39. Would you rather be able to draw anything perfectly or play any musical instrument?
40. Would you rather know what animals are thinking or know what babies are saying?

Our Class Recipe

What ingredients do we need to make a brilliant class?

Use this space to create a Class Recipe poster



Classroom Treasure Hunt

Can you explore your classroom and find all of these things?

Work with a partner or small group. Walk around the classroom carefully and see how many treasures you can find!

- [ ] Find where the pencils are kept.
- [ ] Find the colouring pencils or felt-tip pens.
- [ ] Find a ruler.
- [ ] Find something with a number on it.
- [ ] Find something beginning with the same letter as your first name.
- [ ] Find a map or globe.
- [ ] Find the classroom clock.
- [ ] Find your favourite classroom display.
- [ ] Find something that could help you with Maths.
- [ ] Find something that could help you with English.
- [ ] Find the class reading area.

Bonus Challenges

- [ ] Find something smaller than your hand.
- [ ] Find something bigger than your school bag.
- [ ] Find something soft.
- [ ] Find something made from wood.
- [ ] Find something you didn't know was in your classroom!

Two Truths and a Fib

Think of three statements about yourself and write them down below.

Two *of the statements should be true and* ***one*** *of the statements should be made up.*

For example:

I have two dogs.
I have been to Spain.
I can juggle.

Statement 1:

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Statement 2:

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Statement 3:

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Now see if the rest of your group can guess which statement is the fib!



A Letter to My Future Self

Write a short letter to yourself that you can look at again at the end of this school year.

You could include things like:

- How you're feeling about your new class
- What you're looking forward to
- Something you want to improve
- Something you're proud of
- What you hope to have achieved by the end of the year

Dear future me,

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