2185, Benjamin Franklin Drive Denver Colorado USA

19 June 2020

Dear Pen Pal,

It is so nice that you have agreed to be my son Alexander's British pen pal! Thank you very much indeed.

Right now he needs a pen pal more than ever, as he has been having a succession of what he likes to call 'terrible, horrible, no good, very bad days'! What this really means is that he is feeling sorry for himself, as not everything has been going his way. His brothers and his Dad and I have tried very hard to cheer him up and Mrs Dickens and his friends at school have also done their best, but now everyone is starting to run out of patience with Alexander as he will not stop moaning and groaning.

Please, would you write him a pen pal letter trying to encourage him, and suggest a few things that he could do to make his life more cheerful and fun?

I would be hugely grateful to you if you could do this.

With very best wishes,

Thelma Cobb, Alexander's Mum