

Through the Post!

Learning Challenges Week Beginning 18th May 2020

The Royal Mail designs special stamp collections showing pictures of things that are interesting or important. There has even been a set of Gruffalo stamps! Have a look at some of the designs on their website and then design your own stamp. There is an outline below that you could print or copy. Extra challenge: The Royal Mail special stamp collections usually have more than 1 design. Can you design 2 more stamps with the same theme to make a set? You could add different prices to them, just like a real set of stamps.	When we send parcels through the post, we have to weigh them to find out how much the postage will cost. If you have scales at home, choose some objects and weigh them. Order them from the heaviest to the lightest. If you don't have scales you can explore the online weighing game (link below). Extra challenge: Find a way to record how much each item weighs. You could draw a picture and write the weight next to it or ask an adult to help you draw a table to put your answers in.	Do you know your address? It will usually have a building number or name, a street name, a town and a postcode. These pieces of information help the Royal Mail to sort post and deliver it to the correct place. When you go for a walk see how many different street names you can spot. You could make a list of them. Extra challenge: Make an address book. Fold paper to make a book. On each page write the name of someone important and then ask an adult to help you write their address. Next time you want to write a letter to them you can copy the address from your book!
Watch Come Outside: Letter (link below) to see how Auntie Mabel's letter is sorted and delivered. Tell someone at home what you have found out. You could watch Something Special: Post Office too. Extra challenge: The post is still being delivered every day. Make a poster to say thank you to the postal workers for all their hard work and put it up by your letterbox.	People send letters to share news and information. You could send a letter to someone in your house. Write a message, put it in an envelope and hide it somewhere for them to find! Make sure you write their name on the envelope. Extra challenge: Make your own envelope by following the instructions on the school website.	Think about a time that you have received something through the post. Maybe it was a letter or a parcel. How did it make you feel? Were you surprised? Maybe you were excited to find out what was inside. Tell an adult about it. Extra challenge: Draw a picture, or use loose parts to make a picture of your face, showing how you felt when your post was delivered. Think about how your mouth and eyes looked.

Useful links to look at with an adult.

Please be mindful of e-safety, particularly with Youtube links.

Come Outside –Letters: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZOAqqrWOGU</u>

Something Special: Post Office <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b03skjfq/something-special-were-all-friends-series-9-</u> <u>7-post-office</u>

Online weighing scales (scroll down and click on 'Simple Scales FS): <u>http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html</u>

Royal Mail special stamp collection page: https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues

Postman Pat episodes: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01qv24w/postman-pat-special-delivery-service</u>

Postman Pat online activities: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/postman-pat</u>

