

Literacy

Week 7

The Jolly Postman

This week we are looking at the story 'The Jolly Postman'. Watch the story video on the school website and then complete the challenge...

Challenge: Write a letter to your friends!

In the story, we follow a postman to see what he posts through everyone's doors. There are lots of ways to send a message to somebody. Writing a letter is just one way. Your challenge is to write a letter to your friends (starting the letter by writing '*Dear friends*'). Tell your friends what you have enjoyed doing while being at home. Tell them something that you miss doing when at school. These are just some ideas – we know that you can think of lots of other things that you would like to say to your friends! Once you have written your letter, put it in an envelope, write the address on the front and put it through the school letter box. If you do not have any envelopes, have a go making one out of a piece of paper. If you do not wish to put it in the school letter box, send us a picture of your letter. We would like to put these letters on the Foundation Stage section on the school website for everyone to see!

Remember to use '**think it, say it, write it, read it**' to help you write your sentence. Remember capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. It will really help you if you re-read your sentence from the beginning before writing your next word; this will help make sure that your sentence makes sense with the words in the right order.

Extra challenges: Can you extend your sentences? Are all of your tricky words spelt correctly? Can you draw a picture to go with your letter? Can you think of any other ways to send a message to a friend?

Note for Parents/Carers

We apologise for the long video but we wanted to try and help you see what "phonetically plausible" writing might look like for a child who is in Reception. When writing this letter, we have only used the sounds that have been taught in Reception. We hope this is helpful. Remember that tricky words should be spelt correctly!

We understand that families are all very busy at the moment. If you do not have time to complete this literacy activity, please spend some quality time talking with your child about what they miss about school e.g. their friends, activities, etc. Talk about any concerns or worries that they might have.

Thank you for your continued support with Home Learning!