

Letters

An Early Years and Primary curriculum-based activity sheet for the whole family

Village postman

Draw or make a village with card or paper—you could also use chalk outside. Remember to add your own home!



Write the house numbers or names on the houses so you can deliver to all houses like Postman Pat.



[Watch, listen and talk about Postman Pat](#)



Read More...

Here is a list of great books about letters!

Never Mail an Elephant by Mike Thaler and Jared Lee



The Giant Hug by Sandra Horning

Delivering Your Mail by Ann Owen

A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats

With Love, Little Red Hen by Alma Flor Ada

It Came in the Mail by Ben Clanton

Dear Juno by Soyung Pak

Listen and read [The Jolly Postman](#) by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

Did you know...

... The Royal Mail service was first established in 1516, but it could only be used by the King, it was not until 1635 that the public could send letters. A letter could take 2 months to get between Edinburgh and London.

Postcards

Sending postcards became popular in the early 1900's. Families would send them to friends and relatives when they were on holiday. They would have a colourful picture on one side and room for the address on the other. Design a set of postcards of places you have visited or been on holiday to.



Stamp Designer

This year the Royal Mail have released a special stamps calendar with the following themes:

- March: James Bond
- April: The Romantic Poets
- May: End of the Second World War and Coronation Street
- June: Roman Britain
- July: Music Giants -Queen and The Palace of Westminster
- August: Sherlock
- September: Rupert Bear
- October: Brilliant Bugs
- November: Christmas and Star Trek

Imagine you have been asked to design a stamp for one of these collections, or even come up with your own idea for a collection! What could you draw?



Find out more... at the [Postal Museum](#) and write a history fact sheet. Here are some ideas to get you started: The Penny Black, the most famous stamp, was introduced in 1940. Letter boxes in front doors were first seen in 1844, and the first red pillar box was introduced in 1852.

How are you helping?

These activities will help your child to:

- Develop your child's speaking skills and confidence
- Help your child feel more confident and motivated to read and write.