

CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL

Year 1 Topic Letter



2nd Half Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term. Our theme is the Jolly Postman.

English

Speaking and listening activities based on the theme of the post office.

"Jolly Postman": using the story to explore character and humour. We will look at different types of writing: letters, invitations, messages, maps and instructions.

Non fiction: The post office and journey of a letter. Writing instructions. Please discuss when you use a post office.

Reading

Comprehension skills:

We will be asking *why*, *what*, *how* and *when* questions.

Examples of questions:

Why did the character say "That's mine"?

What did the character do before the party?

How did the character understand the feelings of another character? When did the character change?

When you hear your child read at home, please ask them a question to develop comprehension.

Spellings:

We will continue learning our words of the week, spelling patterns and magic 'e', e.g. fire.

Punctuation:

Capitals, full stops, exclamation and question marks.

Numeracy

Simple algebra and word problems, e.g. $9 + \square = 11$.

There were 11 apples on the tree. ? fell off. Then 9 were left on the tree. How many fell off?

Number bonds to 10 e.g. $1+9=$ $2+8=$ $3+7=$ $4+6=$

Data handling.

Subtraction, finding a part. Subtractions as crossing out, how many are left? Subtraction on a number line.

Shape, look for 2D, 3D shapes in your home.

We will look at the properties of shape; the numbers of sides, corners, faces etc.

Doubles.

Christmas maths.

ICT: Word processing. Paint programs. Using the internet for games. Internet safety.

Technology: Design a book with moving parts.

Geography: Community Post Office. Journey of a letter. Routes and directions. People who help us.

History: Samuel Pepys. Guy Fawkes. The history of the post.

Art: Colour mixing skills. Georgia O Keefe's painting: Sea Music. Christmas Art.

R.E.: The Christmas story. Preparations for a baby. Preparations for Christmas. Angel Mae.

Homework:

Please continue to hear your child read and discuss the story or text.

Weekly spellings: nearer Christmas weekly spellings will stop and we will collect in book packets. We will continue to read at school.

Thank you for all your help. Please contact us if you need further explanation.

Yours sincerely

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