

The Christmas Parcel Challenge

Develop maths and literacy skills through a range of activities this festive season.

Resources

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Extending the activity

- Write a letter or email to the elves on the computer to let them know you have completed the task
- Take photographs of each stage and create a storyboard of the activity. This can be made into a project book for your book corner for children to re-visit or share with their families
- Create a reply from the elves, thanking the children for all their help and read it out to the children. You could post it to the setting to add to the authenticity
- This activity can then be continued into your provision using the role-play equipment, resources and space if the children want this and would benefit from this.

Special considerations

- *Ensure sensitivity is given to any family in the setting that does not want their child to be included in festive activities. This activity can be adapted to be a post office*
- *Working with babies*
- *For the younger children, you can read them the Jolly Postman stories and provide boxes for the children to stack and sort into size with adult support*
- *Take a trip to the post office to post a letter to Father Christmas so the children can start to connect the processes.*