

# ACTIVITIES



## PARCEL POST

In this activity, children wrap a parcel, address it correctly and find out the cost of posting it.

### MAIN LINKS TO THE CURRICULUM




**Early years foundation stage:** Mathematics (counting, numbers, shapes, measures)

**Key Stage 1/2:** Maths, D&T (measures, shapes, stamps, coinage, notes, materials, heavier, lighter than, capacity, time, measurement)


#### You will need:


1. materials for parcels e.g. different sized boxes, paper of different thicknesses, thin card, bubble wrap, polythene, string, sticky tape and labels
2. rulers to measure parcels
3. downloaded copies of the Post Office parcel price list (see template, p.13).

#### Suggestions for activity ideas:

-  Ask children to bring in a toy and choose the best materials to wrap it up.
-  Ask children if they could have wrapped it in a different way? Does the parcel need a special label (see template)?
-  Set up a Post Office in the school to inspire role play about the journey of a parcel from Post Office, to the sorting office and then delivery.

#### TEMPLATE 4: Parcel post (p.13)


 Ask children to measure their parcels using rulers and use the price list to find out the cost of sending it. They colour in the stamps and stick the correct amount on their parcel.

 Ask children to consider if they want to send it as soon as possible by first class (e.g. because it's a best friend's birthday) or more slowly and cheaply by second class (because it's not urgent).

#### Differentiation activities:

 Children decide where to send a parcel and illustrate the address.

#### Extension activities:

 Children address the parcel to the school or themselves using block capitals and the postcode.

**POWERPOINT:**  
*Sending a parcel*