

Brambles Weekly News

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Reminders

The Christmas postbox will be outside everyday until Friday 13th December when it will be closed. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, please write first name and colour group on the envelope. First names list/colour groups can be found in the family cloakroom under the white board by the door. Please do not allow your children to play/open the postbox whilst waiting outside as it will damage it due to the way it's been secured.

Carpet Time

Stories: The Gruffalo's Child

Song: Assembly songs

Rhyme: Assembly rhymes

Upcoming Events

December 13th

(Note amended date from summer handout)

Brambles Assembly 11.00am-12.30pm

Christmas jumpers or outfits
(no super hero outfits or onesies please)

December 18th

Last day of term

This Week's Learning

We have been reading The Gruffalo's child and enjoyed cave painting and looking at the marks she makes in the cave and at the footprints in the snow. We have also learnt it's almost Christmas! We have enjoyed our festive role play area, putting up our class tree and making Christmas cards. We have also been talking about the role of the postman and what a post box is for, just like our own post box outside and the curiosity object this week.

Something Special

If there's anything our children seem to be missing out on these days, it's the benefits of writing letters to friends and family. In today's world of text messaging and social media, human relationships are becoming less personal, as we are updated on each other's lives via an online status rather than a handwritten letter or phone call.



Handwriting Skills Your child's handwriting skills will only improve with the amount of practice she'll be getting writing all of those holiday and birthday thank you notes etc.

Writing Skills Everyone has to write letters in life, from job application cover letters to forms. Writing letters now will help your child improve her grammar and better express herself through the written word, which will be essential as she grows and begins writing essays etc in school.

Stronger Self-Esteem She'll take pride in how good her letters and words look on paper. Her stronger self-esteem may even inspire a budding poet or novelist.

Closer Relationships Your child will develop a special bond when writing letters to a grandparent or other family member or friend on a regular basis.

Insight Into Others' Lives Grandma can tell your child all about what it was like as a little girl. Likewise, being in contact with a friend who lives far away can teach your child about different cultures and what life is like in Australia or Japan.

Excitement of Receiving Mail Everyone loves to get mail, especially a nice note addressed just to them. Your child will light up every time she receives a letter or card in the mailbox and you will be just as excited as they are as you watch them enjoy a rare gift in today's technological age.

Your child may surprise you with how much she enjoys letter writing. Motivate and inspire your child to write by presenting her with colourful stationery and special pens to use. She'll truly enjoy having her own unique paper, which will make her feel grown-up and important.