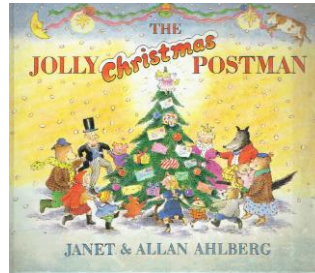




Meet our brilliant author and illustrator...



Janet Ahlberg and Allan Ahlberg were a British married couple who created many children's books, including picture books that regularly appear at the top of "most popular" lists for public libraries. He wrote the books and she illustrated them. It's Christmas Eve and the Jolly Postman is delivering greetings to various fairy-tale characters. Now our wonderful Year One children will use this as inspiration to spread joy through letters themselves.



Our Brilliant Vocabulary

We will be introducing children to this vocabulary. We will be exploring what the word jolly means and finding words that have a similar meaning.

fast eloping dish	How..?
mighty beanstalk	Why..?
crooked mile	What..?
vanished	eve
fresh flakes	community

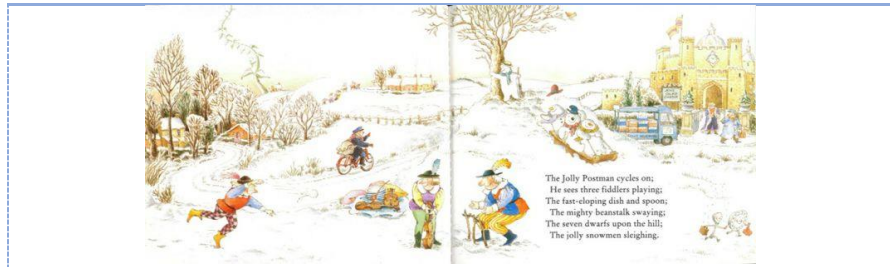
How do brilliant writers identify the features of a letter?

We will read the story. You can read it here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/public/primary12blog/uploads/sites/16649/2020/12/10072050/The-Jolly-Christmas-Postman.pdf>



We will then explore different letters from the books and compare them. We will identify the features of letters and discuss how they are organised.



How do brilliant writers plan a letter?

We will then plan our own letter to send someone in the community. We will think about what questions we can ask them and what we would like to tell them.

Closed questions have a yes / no response.

We are going to ask open ended questions.

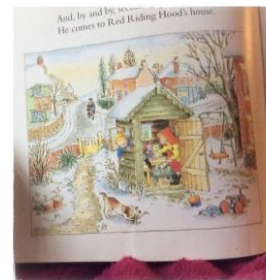
Open-ended questions are questions that can't be answered with a 'yes' or 'no' response. They invite longer responses and encourage people to develop points and go into detail



We will look at different question starters, such as

- Why did you...?
- Tell me about...?
- What do you think..?
- How did you...?
- I wonder why..?

Our Final Outcome: A Letter



We will be sending our written letters to people in the community to spread joy this Christmas. We will use:

- interesting language
- question marks
- capital letters and full stops
- suffixes

in our writing. Finally, we will edit, revise and correct our writing before we write it in best and send it.

Key vocabulary: Glossary

Closed questions	Questions that have a yes or no response.
Letter	a written, typed, or printed communication, sent in an envelope by post or messenger.
Open questions	Questions that require a longer, more detailed response

This half term's common exception words

said	is	they
he	she	we
me	be	you