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Key Stage 1 Lesson Plan

Letters from Santa (Year 2 Literacy)

Lesson Notes

National Curriculum Reference:

Writing 3c; Spelling 4g, 4h

Aim:

To develop an understanding of basic punctuation and word family patterns.

Objectives:

To identify where and when to use capital letters appropriately. To use knowledge of word families and a dictionary to check spellings.

Teacher Notes:

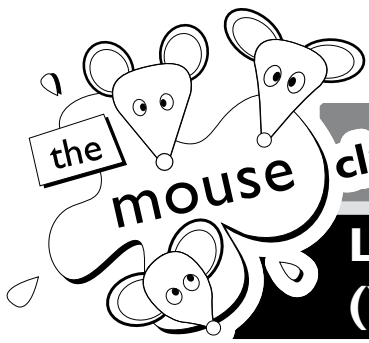
You might use Santa letter 1 with a group of younger children or for children with special needs. Before the lesson remind the children what upper case letters look like and match to their lower case letters.

Resources:

Activity sheet Santa letter 1 (missing capital letters), Activity sheet: Santa letter 2 (spelling mistakes), Activity sheet 3

Lesson Plan:

Timing	Section	Activity
10 mins	Introduction	Talk about letters in general and the purpose of sending different letters. Do children ever get letters or send them? Who do they write to? Can they think why people don't get as many letters as they used to do (mobile phones, texting, email)? How is an email different to a letter?
10 mins	Shared reading	Explain to the children that some mischievous elves have played a trick on Santa. They have found 2 letters and removed the capital letters in one and changed the spelling of some of the words in the other so it doesn't make sense. Can they help a very busy Santa to sort the letters out so they read properly? You can view the letters on the whiteboard by clicking on the free downloadables section and choosing KSI lesson plans from the list. You can read the letter together. Can the children identify what is wrong with the letter?
10 mins	Paired work	Give each child a copy of each of activity sheets 1 & 2 and ask them to work together to circle any letters that should be written in capitals and underline all the words that they think are spelt incorrectly in letter 2.
15 mins	Activity-independent work	On activity sheet 3 there are 3 separate columns. Ask the children to write out each word that they have underlined (sheet 2) in the 1st column, try and spell it themselves in the 2nd and use a dictionary to check or correct their spelling in the 3rd column.
10 mins	Plenary	Whole class discussion of activity sheet 3, making new words with the same family pattern. Some children may decide to use a dictionary as an aid to spell more difficult words.



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Activity Sheet 1

dear children



i am pleased to hear from you. i am glad you liked the presents i brought you last year. the elves have made some more for you this year too.

rudolph and the reindeer are working hard to get the sleigh ready for the big night. they have made some magic dust and rudolph has been polishing the sleigh so that it shines brightly in the night.

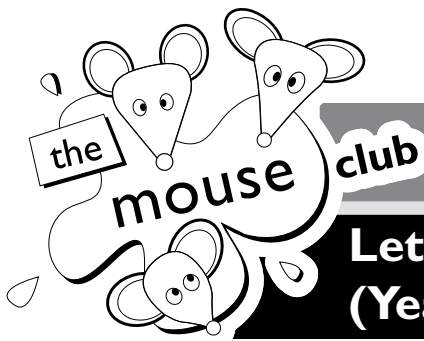
mrs santa has made me a new hat to wear as my old hat had to be thrown away because it shrunk in the wash and now it won't even fit the elves.

must dash, it is snowing again and the elves want to have a snowball fight before they have tea.

be kind and work hard at school and make your teacher happy.

happy christmas to you and your family.

love from santa x x



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Activity Sheet 2

Dear children



Thanks for your great letter.

I am pleased to hear you have been good.

I will do my best to bring you lots of presents.

I hope you like them.

Do you know a song about Rudolph?

Do you sing it at school?

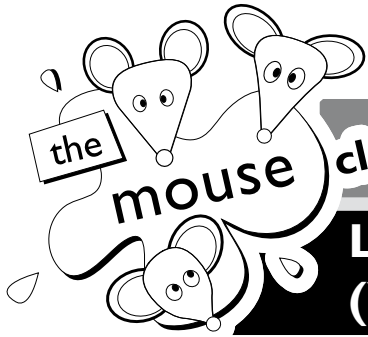
Did you know it is his favorite song?

He sings it every day.

It is snowing here and we are going to have a snowball fight later.

Happy Christmas to you and your family.

Luv Santa x x



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Activity Sheet 3

Word from Activity	My try	Dictionary
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