

Exploration and investigation

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Resources

- Any *Postman Pat* story by John Cunliffe (Hodder Children's Books)
- *ABC I Can Be* by Verna Allette Wilkins (Tamarind Books)
- Non-fiction books showing different careers
- Items that can be associated with a person's job, for example: letter and parcel = postman; bucket and chamois leather or wiper = window cleaner; newspaper = newsagent or newspaper delivery person; stethoscope = doctor, etc.

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Talk to the children about stranger danger.

Who's that knocking at my door?

People who help us

Learning objective

- To identify objects and match them to a person's job

What to do

Circle time

- Read the *Postman Pat* story. Ask how often the postman calls at their home. Ask if the postman calls at the setting. Ask who else might call at their home.
- Show items, and ask the children to say what they are and who might use them. Ask if the dentist might come to their house. Ask whether other people might, and under what circumstances (for example, meter readers, people to mend broken appliances, etc).
- Talk about safety, and that they should not answer the door without their parents permission.
- Read *ABC I Can Be* and talk about the jobs people do. Support language development: names of jobs, equipment, etc.

Extensions/variations

- Arrange for a visitor, eg a police person, to talk about how they can help children.
- Put clothes and items to represent people who help us in the dressing-up box.
- In the home corner, play that someone is knocking at the door.

Links to home

- Ask parents if they can talk to their child about different occupations.

Related activities

- Hinges and handles (see page 84)
- A letter to Santa (see page 118)
- The check-up (see page 170)

