

# Reception News

Autumn 1 Week 3 - 17th September 2021

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been completing some pencil control activities to help strengthen our fingers ready for writing. We have been tracing over wavy lines and thinking carefully about using our 'froggy fingers'.
- ◆ We have loved learning our first three letter sounds - **s**, **a** and **t** - along with doing the actions and listening to the songs to accompany each of them. We tried **s**trawberries for **s**, **a**pples for **a**, along with tomatoes for **t**...mmm!
- ◆ We have also been learning about **King One** during our visit to "Ten Town". We have listened to his story and his song too. *Can your child tell you anything about him?* We have practised writing 1 in the air using large movements and written smaller 1's with a pencil., using the rhyme "From top to toe and there you go" to help us to remember to start at the top. We have also thought carefully about the concept of 1 thing.
- We have been learning about our sense of smell and how we use our noses to smell. We talked about our favourite smells too - Mrs Short's is pine trees because their smell reminds her of Christmas!

## Busy, busy, busy!

These are some of the Phonics activities which we have enjoyed this week...

## Homework

- ◆ Help your child to look carefully at the pictures in their first reading book and encourage them to tell you what's happening. Encourage them to create their own story. *Please make a comment about your child's reading in their reading diary every week to let us know how they are getting on at home. We will be collecting reading books on a Thursday and handing out new ones on a Friday. (We will quarantine the books before they are given out to anyone else).*
- ◆ Please can you use both the reading book and the A4 character booklet (sent home this week) to reinforce what the characters' look like. This is for your child to keep at home so please don't send it back into school.
- ◆ Keep looking carefully at the character names sent home this week in the clear folders, so your child can learn to read them as sight words. Feel free to cut them up to make flashcards. You don't need to keep them inside the packet but we ask that the packets are kept inside your child's book bag, as we will add more words every so often.
- ◆ Recap on the sounds **s**, **a** and **t**. *Can your child identify them in their brown "Sound Book? Can they think of any words that start with those sounds?*
- ◆ Practise forming **s**, **a**, **t** and **King One** in the yellow "Between Us" book. You can also watch the video about **King One**, listen to the song and play some games about this number on the Ten Town website - logins for this were sent home on Monday.

Thank you for your support.