

Reception News

Autumn 2 Week 5 - 3rd December 2021

What have we been learning?

- ◆ In our Phonics sessions we have been learning the new digraphs **sh**, **th**, **ng** and **nk** this week. We have tried **shortbread** biscuits for **sh** and party **rings** for **ng**. We have also been reading words (with these sounds either at the beginning or the end of words) by saying the sounds in the words and then blending them together again.
- ◆ We have been working hard recognising numbers to 20 and saying them correctly. We sometimes mix up 12 and 20 so are working hard with these numbers especially. We have also been putting these numbers into the correct order using our set of large numbers.
- ◆ We have been learning to write the number 11 correctly with the help of "**Episode 11**" from the "Tia Ten Show" on Ten Town. We have also been learning that the number 11 is made up of 10 and 1 more (Tia Ten and King One).
- ◆ We have been using the small world Nativity figures to help us to retell the story of the First Christmas from the Bible.

Our "**Elf Workshop**" has opened this week. We felt very important because we helped Mrs Silvester to decorate our 2x Christmas trees. We have also loved wrapping up the cardboard boxes as presents and writing the gift tags independently.

Homework

Literacy

- Sight words
- Sounds - especially new sounds **sh**, **th**, **ng** and **nk** and practise the correct formation of those letters.
- Reading books - Please support your child with reading their new reading books, encouraging them to sound out and blend unfamiliar words and to read tricky words by sight. *Please remember to make a comment in your child's Reading Diary every week, thank you.*

Maths

- Practise forming "11" in the yellow "Between Us" book & on the "Ten Town" website. Practise recognition of numbers (up to 20) in a random order. Also work on ordering those numbers correctly from 0 by putting them in order in a line.

Please note...

It is our school's "Christmas Jumper Day" and school Christmas lunch on Thursday of next week, the 9th of December 2021. All of our children (& staff!) are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on that day. If your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper, then they can wear Christmas colours like red or green instead. All other uniform must still be worn though. Children are invited to donate a suggested amount of £1. The collected donations will be sent on to the "Save the Children" charity.