

# Reception News

**Autumn 2 Week 7 - 16th December 2022**

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been learning to write the number 7 correctly this week with the help of “**Sir 7**” from Ten Town. We have also been practising our recognition of numbers (up to 10) - we did so well!
- ◆ In our Phonics sessions we have been reading Christmas CVC words, captions & simple sentences together. Our teachers were so impressed with our blending! Our favourite activity this week has been reading “silly questions” and answering them by showing thumbs up or thumbs down. (e.g. *Can a cat buzz? Has a fox got six legs? Can a dog yap?* etc)
- ◆ This week it has been “**International Christmas Week**” in school. In Reception Class we have been thinking about how Christmas is celebrated in France. We listened to some French carols, learned how to say the names in French of the different characters from our Nativity and made baubles showing the French flag.

Christmas party!

## Homework

★ **Reading** - Please support your child with reading their new reading books, encouraging the children to sound out & blend unfamiliar words and read tricky words by sight. *Please do make a comment to let us know how your child managed at home with their reading books: we really do value your input.*

★ **Phonics and letter formation** - No new sounds will be taught now until after the holidays. (Instead we will be concentrating on our segmenting and blending skills). However, please continue to practise recognition of all sounds taught so far and practise writing the letters (graphemes) as well encouraging and reminding of correct formation using the “froggy fingers” pencil grip.

★ **Key words** - Practise quick recognition of tricky words.

★ **Maths** - Practise forming “**Sir 7**” in the yellow “Between Us” book & on the “Ten Town” website.

Can you believe we are almost at the end of the first full term? The children have all done so well; settling in, learning school routines and coping with the long days. They have learnt so much in the weeks that they have been at school since September and we are so very proud of them all! Congratulations to them and to you as their parents/carers for such positive support. There are a few little homework jobs to do but it is just as important for them to enjoy a rest at home over the holidays to recharge their batteries.

## A couple of points to note...

The reading books which we have sent home today are for your child to read over the Christmas holidays. We would like them to be returned to school on Thursday the 5th of January 2023 please.

The homework in the children’s Yellow Books is also to be completed during the Christmas holidays & returned to school on Thursday the 5th of January please.

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.