

Reception News

Autumn 1 Week 3 - 22nd September 2023

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 straight lines and thinking carefully about using our 'froggy fingers'.
- ◆ We have loved learning our first four letter sounds - **s**, **a**, **t** and **p** - along with learning the mnemonics to accompany each of them. We tried **s**trawberries for **s**, **a**pples for **a**, along with **t**omatoes for **t** and (vegetarian) **Percy Pigs** for **p**...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...

Using our sense of smell to guess what was inside the "Smelly Pots".

Homework

- ◆ Please can you use A4 character booklet (sent home this week) to reinforce what the characters from our reading scheme look like. This is for your child to keep at home.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Recap on the sounds **s**, **a**, **t** and **p**. *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**, **p** 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 last week.

Thank you for your support.