

# Southridge First School Nursery Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday, the children have certainly been very excited to tell us what Santa brought them. We are delighted with how well the children have settled back into our Nursery routine, they have all been fantastic this week and we are very proud of them.

This week we have been looking at the story 'Supertato'. When we got to the end of the story we were very surprised to see a note stuck in the back of the book. We couldn't believe it when we realised it was from the 'Evil Pea'. He told us he had stolen all the carrots from our role-play supermarket and we would never find them! We hunted all over but we were too good for the Evil Pea because we found all the carrots hidden around the Nursery and put them back where they belonged. The next day the children discovered that there were Evil Peas hiding all around our classroom. We managed to catch them all and counted them carefully. We were amazed to find there were fifteen peas so we trapped them in a box. Many of the children used building blocks or junk to make their own traps to stop the peas escaping again. The children have been keeping their eyes open all week in case the evil pea got up to any more tricks.

We have been learning about the phoneme /o/ and the sound it makes in words like on, off, orange and oblong. It is a short, bouncy sound. We use the picture to help us remember this sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: all around the orange. Our sound next week is /a/.

This week the children have enjoyed testing which fruit and vegetables were the heaviest or lightest using the balance. They have used carrots dipped in paint to draw with and have had the very tricky challenge of trying to balance a coins on a lemon floating in the water. They have enjoyed being shopkeepers and customers in our role-play supermarket and have also pretended to be characters from our 'Supertato' story.







Faith and Diversity Day

On Friday Nursery and Reception joined forces to find out more about where we live. During the day they had the opportunity to look at maps, learn some new words, listen to stories, sing songs and we even had a country dancing session in the hall! It was a lovely day and a great opportunity for our Nursery children to spend some time in the Reception classrooms with the Reception staff. All of these opportunities will help the children to feel more comfortable in their surroundings when they start Reception in September.

#### Important Reminder

If any parents/carers have not yet applied for their child's Reception place the deadline is WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY.

### Stay and Play

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 'Stay and Play'. We will open the gates at 11:00am and 2:00pm on those days for any parents/carers who would like to join us (you only need to come to one of these sessions).

#### Can you help?

In a few weeks we will be looking at different jobs and in particular people who help us. The children love having visitors in Nursery and if you would be willing to come in and talk to the children about your job or hobby we would love to hear from you, please talk to a member of the Nursery Team. A huge thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January - deadline for Reception applications. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 'Stay and Play'.

Many thanks for all the emails this week. Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday. The Nursery Team.