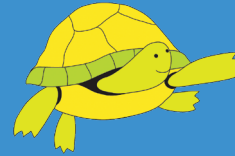


This week we met ...

# Peter and Tim



p



t

Dear parent/carers

This week in our literacy lessons we met Milo's friends Peter the penguin and Tim the turtle. We identified the first sound in Peter's name as /p/ and the first sound in Tim's name as /t/.

## Say the sounds /p/ and /t/

Encourage your child to say Peter's sound, /p/, very quietly and try to not to distort it by putting an 'uh' sound at the end. Tim's sound, /t/, is also a quiet sound – support your child to place the tip of their tongue up high, just behind their teeth. Practise together.

## Talk about the sounds /p/ and /t/

Find all the /p/ fruits and vegetables in the supermarket – *pumpkin, peaches, pears, pineapple, potatoes* ...

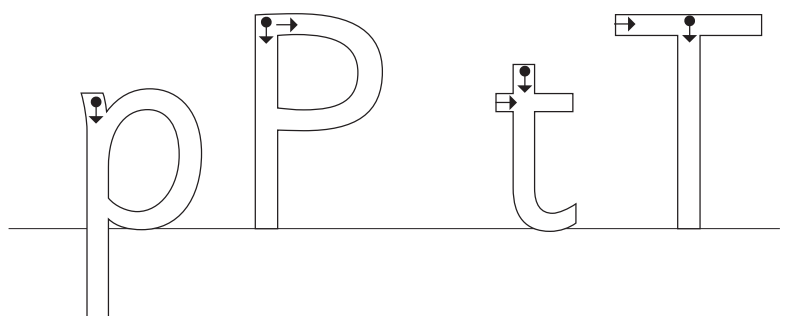
Say to your child: 'Tim the **t**urtle was **t**raining on his **t**rampoline. I wonder what the **t**rophy is for. Did he win it for **t**rying so hard, or for **t**en **t**errific **t**umbles?' What was Tim training on? The trampoline or a running track?

Remember to use the sounds, rather than letter names, as sounds link directly to literacy learning – reading and spelling.

## Write the letters p and t

There are four letters in the English alphabet that look the same except for their position on the line – **p**, **b**, **d** and **q**. These letters change letter names and sounds depending on their position, so it's understandable that children sometimes get confused!

Encourage your child to practise writing/drawing straight lines and circles, as these are the main components for writing most of the letters of the alphabet. Practise writing the letters **p** and **t** at home.



## Heart Words

We learnt the Heart Words **my**, **I** and **the**. Heart Words are common words with parts that children cannot 'sound out', but need to 'learn by heart'. You can practice these words by reading short decodable phrases of two or three words, such as: **my** *mat*, **I** *sit* and *tap* **the** *map*.

## Read together

What books are you reading to your child this week? We have sent home some **t**errific library books – **p**erfect for you to explore together!

Your Little Learners teacher