

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

08.09.2023.

Hello everyone !

It has been so lovely to meet everyone this week and I want to say the biggest thank you for my very warm welcome to St. Mary's. I feel so lucky to be part of the St. Mary's family and I'm so excited for the year ahead.

I can't believe how well the children have settled in with us at St. Mary's. When I look around the classroom it really doesn't feel like the children are only in their first week, as they have settled so confidently and calmly into our routines and it's so lovely to see them build friendship groups so quickly, it really is amazing to see and I'm excited to find out where the year will take us.

Myself and Mrs Hughes have been working really hard over the past few months to create our own 'bespoke St. Mary's Early Years' Curriculum' and it's now ready to build upon your children's interest as we move throughout the year. Our parent planners for this half term's curriculum have also been sent home today so that you are aware about some of the skills that we will be developing, but also some of the exciting books that we will be reading and some of the key vocabulary that we will be using.

Hopefully, you may have noticed that there have been lots of transformations taking place across the school over the holidays and we're especially proud of our new early years environment and the children have absolutely loved exploring and learning in our new classroom and I can't believe how amazing they are at tidying up and showing respect for our new environment.

Our core text this week was:



We have been discussing feelings and emotions.

What makes us feel happy, sad, angry, scared, calm and loved.

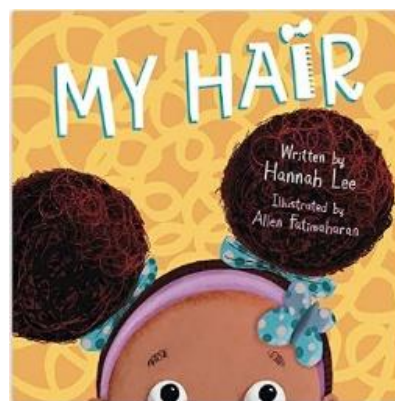
The children enjoyed sharing their thoughts and listening to others.

Home learning: Engage in conversations with your child about how they're feeling and why. What makes them feel that way? Why does it make them feel like that?

Important Notes:

- Please label **ALL** your child's belongings !
- **PE** is every **Monday** (Burnley Community Trust) and **Friday**. Please bring a PE kit.
- **Forest school** is every **Wednesday** morning. (If possible, please bring wellies and waterproofs for your child to remain on their hook in school. If not, please do not worry we do have spares).
- Please can children have **water** in their water bottles.
- All children are provided with fruit for their healthy snack. If you do choose to send your child with a snack please can you ensure it is fruit.

Our Core text next week will be:



We will be focussing on expanding our vocabulary to describe our features and properties.

Awards:

Reader of the week: Ivy

Our value of the week- Respect: Ben

Thank you for your support, and we're all very excited for the year ahead !
Miss Smith, Miss Haworth Mrs Malik