

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

18th September 2026

Hello!

What a wonderful and exciting week in Reception class.

We have continued to learn our classroom and school routine, whilst learning through play and having lots of fun!

Thank you to all for your patience during drop-off and pick-up times, whilst me and the EYFS team continue to get to know who's who.

It is greatly appreciated!

Maths

This week we have been focussing on **matching**.

The children have been developing their matching skills by identifying similarities and differences across a range of criteria, for example by colour, shape, size, texture and function.

Throughout this we considered "What is the same?" What is different? Are there other ways we could sort the objects?"

We enjoyed many games of spotting the odd one out!

Key Vocabulary: Same, different, alike, sort, group, match, go together, belong together, odd, odd one out.

Phonics

We have started our phase 2 phonics.

This week we have learnt two new **phonemes** (sounds) and **graphemes** (letters).

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We have been practising sounding out the phonemes and forming the letters correctly.

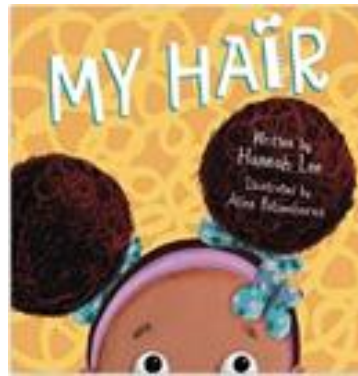
Home learning:

Your child will have a yellow reading record in their bag.

Inside the front cover you will find a username and password to access Bug Club phonics.

Here the children have access to our Bug Club lessons, videos and games they can play at home.

Our core text this week was:



We have been looking at and describing our properties.

Do we have long hair? Short hair? Is it straight, wavy? Curly? Frizzy?

We created different lines such as wavy, straight, zig-zag, short and long.

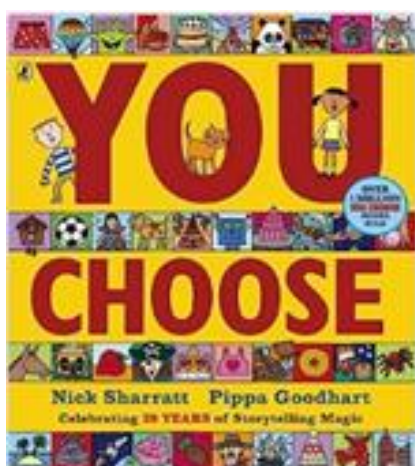
We did this in a variety of ways including coloured sand, paint, crayons, water and brushes.

Home learning: Can you engage in discussion about different properties with your children?

What do you share that is the same?

What is different?

Our Core text next week will be:



We will be sharing our interests, using the word "because" and making decisions.

Awards:

Writer of the week:

Safa

**Our value of the week-
Respect:**

Khaleef

Well done!



Important Notes:

- Please label **ALL** your child's belongings! (clothes, coats, bags, shoes, etc).
- **PE** is every **Monday** (Burnley Community Trust).
Please bring a PE kit: White top, shorts, pumps.
- **Children have access to outdoor learning every day.**
(We provide waterproofs and wellies. If your child would prefer to keep a set of their own waterproofs and wellies in school, they can do).
-Even though the children do wear waterproofs and wellies, splashing in puddles is lots of fun, so a **spare set of socks** in their bag would be useful.
- All children are **provided with fruit** for their **healthy snack**.

Thankyou, Miss Smith and the EYFS team.