



Hello EY3 children and their families,

Welcome to St Paul's, it has been so lovely meeting all the children and families over the past few weeks and I am thrilled at how the children have settled into school so confidently. We have been spending time getting to know the areas of learning within the classroom and outdoors and getting to know all of our new friends.

Staff

Miss Bailey – EY3 Class Teacher

Mrs Warrae - EY3 Teaching Assistant mornings

Mrs Tweedie- EY3 Teaching Assistant afternoons

Miss Tilzey - EYFS team lead and will be teaching in EY3 every Tuesday afternoon and across the unit on other days.

Reading Books & Book Bags

Today, your child will have received their first reading book & record. They will need a **book bag** (which can be purchased in the office if you have not already purchased one) to bring their book to and from school.

Please bring in your child's reading book and record every **Monday**. This is when your child's book will be changed so it is important to bring the reading books back on this day.

Book bags and reading books will then stay in school and go home every **Thursday** so you can read with your child each day Thursday and Friday and as much as possible over the weekend.

It is important you bring the reading books back each week. Your child will not receive a new book until their school book is returned.

The first few reading books will have no words. Please look and talk through the book with your child. You can encourage them to tell the story through the pictures, talk about the characters and places in the book and maybe even invent their own story. This is an important early step in reading and a great way for your child to build confidence around reading.

Show and Tell

The children can bring in items for Show and Tell and this half term the theme is: **Wonderful Me**

The children can bring in special items that are meaningful to them such as a photo of themselves from a special holiday or occasion or something that tells their friends a little bit more about them- such as their favourite song or favourite pair of shoes.

If your child has any special events such as receiving a trophy from a sports club or a swimming certificate they can also bring these things for Show and Tell.

We do not have a set day for Show and Tell but children will leave their items in the Home Basket until we have a chance to talk about them with the class. Please stick to the theme and discuss with your child the reasons behind what they have brought in, so they are ready to talk about it in front of the class.

Thank you for all your support and if you have any quick questions please feel free to catch me at the end of the day at the gate. For anything more detailed please ring the school office and make an appointment.

Miss Bailey ☺

