



## Hello EY3 children and their families,

We have had a wonderful few weeks in Reception and have been really busy getting stuck into our learning. Our topic this half term is What Makes Me Special? This week we are learning all about birthdays.

**Please could you bring in or email to the office, a photo or a special memory of your child's birthday so that they can share it in class.**

### **Phonics**

We have now begun our phonics programme and each day the children have a short carpet time where they learn a new sound that is linked to a letter. So far we have learnt the sounds for: **S A T P**

See if your child can show you the sounds for each letter and the action to go with it.

It is really important that the children focus on the sound that the letter makes and the correct pronunciation for it and not the letter name at this stage.

Follow this link to see the correct pronunciations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8>

### **Reading Books & Book Bags**

Book bags with reading books will be sent home on Thursdays and must be returned to school each Monday.

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 a important early step in reading and a great way for your child to build confidence around reading. Over the next few weeks your child will receive books with simple short words and phrases that they can sound out and that will include the sounds that they have learnt in class. The aim with these books is to ensure the children feel really confident at saying the sounds and sounding out the words. So it is important to read them as many times as possible.

### **PE and City Sports**

We have now begun our PE sessions, this term we have:

Gymnastics- Wednesday

City Sports- Friday (this is run by Manchester City Academy and includes lots of fun games and ball skills)

For gymnastics, your child will only take their shoes, socks and jumpers off. Please help them practise this skill at home so they can become independent and more confident with this.

### **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.

Thank you

Miss Bailey ☺

