



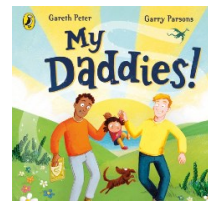
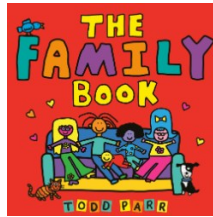
Reception News

Friday 25th September



We have had a lovely week in Reception, making more new friends and enjoying exploring our classrooms. We have drawn self-portraits and looked at work by the artist Ben Giles, linking these images to the feelings we think they show. We had a go at pulling different expressions and then embellishing them with collage items to show how we are feeling.

We have loved reading stories that represent and celebrate all the different families in our school and community. These fantastic books allow us to see ourselves represented and enhance our understanding of families that are different from our own.



All About Me

This week, we have been reading *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas to help us explore the emotions of happiness, sadness, anger, fear and calm. We talked about how we can recognise each feeling and how each emotion makes us feel, what it might make us do, as well as strategies for managing our emotions. The children have enjoyed sharing their own experiences and discussing times when they have felt each emotion. We explored strategies such as taking deep breaths, talking to a trusted adult or friend, finding a quiet space, and using calming activities to help us regulate our emotions. As part of our learning, the children sorted emotions by colour, created their own collage Colour Monsters and jars, and discussed how everyone experiences a range of feelings throughout the day. These activities have helped to develop the children's emotional vocabulary, empathy and understanding that all feelings are valid and that there are healthy ways to express and manage them.



Next week we will be looking at our homes, and comparing them with homes in the past. We will be reading *Every Home, On Every Street*, exploring our local community and mapping our routes to school.

In Maths, we will be looking at matching and pairing objects, and introducing our questions, "What do you see?" and "How do you see it?".

If your child has grapes in their lunch box, please ensure they are sliced in half length ways, so they are less of a choking risk.

Just a reminder...



Please remember to login to the [Cool Milk](#) website and check that your child is receiving their milk, daily. If your child attended our school nursery, they may only be receiving milk on their nursery days.

We have PE lessons every Friday! Please ensure that PE kits are in school in readiness for your children to get changed into before their lessons. We will keep PE kits in school and return them home at half term.

This half term, we would be delighted if any Grandparents would like to join us and become a Secret Reader by reading a story at the end of the day. Please ask your child's class teacher on the gate if there is a time to suit.

READING for Pleasure

This week can you draw your favourite part of the story you read? Bring your picture in and tell us about it!