**Reception News Letter**

Welcome back everyone. We hope everyone had a lovely break and are now feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting half term!

**Topics this half term**

This half term the stories we will be focusing on are ‘Am I Yours?*’* by *Alex Latimer* and *‘The Ravenous Beast’* by *Niamh Sharkey.*

In numeracy we have been practising subitising. We have also been looking at more and less, specifically focusing on one more and one less. During this half term, we will also begin to look at doubling and number bonds to 10. Please ensure that your child can recognise numbers to 20. We will also be working on 3D shapes; which 2D/ 3D shapes does your child know already?

The children have begun to write sentences, we are working towards children being able to write sentences independently by the end of Reception. Please encourage your child to write CVC words and simple sentences at home as this is good practise. We would love to see your child’s work! You can email us pictures to eyfsphotos@briscoe.manchester.sch.uk

If you would like support on ways to promote writing simple sentences at home, please speak to a member of the team.

Remember to keep supporting your child at home with their blending and segmenting by listening to them read every night. We are also providing you with a “reading for pleasure” book, these will be chosen by your child each week. This is for you to read to them to help with their language development and foster a love for reading.

**Forest School**

Forest school is every Tuesday. This helps children work in teams, take turns and develops their understanding of the natural world. Please make sure you child has warm clothes and school shoes or wellington boots, as these sessions can be very muddy.

All of our forest school sessions represent the seven key behaviour traits of our **RESPECT** curriculum in an engaging and exciting way to equip our children for life beyond the classroom and promote positive mental health.

**Our Behaviour traits:**

Respect

Empathy

Self-awareness

Positivity

Excellence

Communication

Teamwork

Each week a child will be chosen to take home our class bear and our respect character puppets. We have enjoyed looking at all the pictures you have previously sent in and the adventures they have been on. Carry on sending those pictures because we love to see and hear all about their adventures.

**Morning Activities and Attendance**

Every morning in Reception the children will have a different activity to complete to help support their learning. Our door opens at 8:45 and closes at 9:00.

It is important that your child is arriving on time continuously throughout the year to help support their learning and development.

If you would like any more information on our attendance policy, please speak to one of the class teachers.

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*The Reception Team.*