

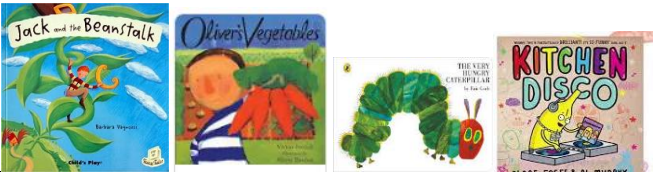
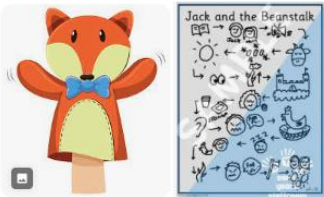
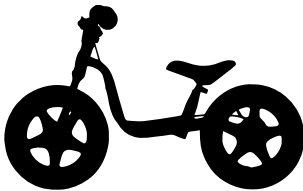
# Class R1 News!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We have a busy and exciting half term planned for the children. The theme for this half term is 'come outside' where the children will be learning about Spring and all that it entails. The key texts for this half term will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk and Handa's Surprise. These will support the children with all of their learning and provide an exciting array of activities. They will be planting magic beans, having a kitchen disco, enjoying tropical fruit, exploring the woods for sign of Spring and hopefully finding some frog spawn in the school pond. We will end the half term with some Easter craft and we are even hoping for a visit from the Easter bunny!

## What are we learning about?

<b>EYFS Theme – Come outside</b>	<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>
<p>This half term, we will be leaning along the theme of 'Come outside'.</p> <p>We will be focusing on Spring, growing, planting and food! Our first story focus is Jack and the Beanstalk and then we will have a kitchen disco where we will learn about fruits and vegetables. We will also go to Kenya and read Handa's surprise.</p> <p>Books we will read:</p> 	<p>We will continue to learn about the British values, building on previous learning of mutual respect and tolerance. Alongside these we will make links to our school values. We will be talking about and recognising feelings, learning about ways to look after our planet and also the importance of exercise. As always, we will encourage independence when dressing, undressing and for personal care.</p>
<b>Communication and Language</b>	<b>Physical Development</b>
<p>We will be sharing stories and reading together. We will use talk for writing to help us remember stories. The children will role play the characters and make up their own story. They will also use their phonics to read and write simple sentences. We will learn and perform poems.</p> 	<p>The children will begin Bikeability. The focus of the sessions will be to make the children aware of bike safety, develop confidence when using a bike and stop start and manoeuvring skills. Children will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills in PE lessons and during their sessions in the garden. They will focus on running, hopping, jumping, catching and throwing.</p> 

## Literacy

This half term our learning will be focused around Jack and the Beanstalk and Handa's surprise. We will be role playing, asking questions and using our phonics to write simple sentences.



## Mathematics

In maths, we will be exploring the numbers to 10 by doubling, finding pairs and combining groups.

**Number bonds;** a number bond is a simple addition sum which has become so familiar that a child can recognise it and complete it almost instantly.

Making pairs; children build on their matching skills and begin to understand that a pair is two. We will explore arranging small numbers of items into pairs and also notice that some quantities will have an odd one left over with no partner.

## Understanding the World

We will be observing signs of spring and having a go at planting some magic beans, whilst searching for the giant. We will be searching for minibeasts and building our very own bug hotel too! We will be having a kitchen disco and exploring Kenya as we learn about food and where it comes from, tasting new and familiar fruits, whilst having a go at growing our own!

In History we will be learning about New life including our family tree and how we change through adulthood.

## Expressive Arts

We will be looking at two artists this half term, Andy Goldsworthy focusing on natural art and Damian Hurst focussing on Butterflies.

We will encourage the children to select the correct tools for a purpose. Use real objects to print and create patterns. To include key features to their drawing. To use talk for writing to help children act out stories.

### Reading

Please remember to read your child's given reading book, three times per week, as this reinforces the phonics we have been learning each week in class. It is also good to share other stories with your children at bedtime.

### Talk homework

This is collected in on Wednesdays and given out again on Fridays. The emphasis for this is to talk about the learning but you may also wish to encourage mark making/writing with your child as they begin to develop their skills.

### Forest Fun.

The children will continue to go to the Forest on Thursdays, even in the unpredictable weather. Please check your child's wellies still fit and their forest clothes are appropriate for all weathers.

### Library

Don't forget to bring your library book back, every Friday.

### Important upcoming dates

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March & 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening.**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World book day.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief.**

**School closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.**

### P.E.

PE will continue on Wednesdays.

On top of this, the children will be starting small group bikeability sessions.

**Please could you send in a pair of jogging bottoms that are elasticated around the ankles for safety. These will be kept in the children's PE bags and the children will put these on for these sessions.**

**Don't forget to check out the school's website for lots more information about our school and your child's learning.**

<https://www.briercliffprimary.co.uk/>

