

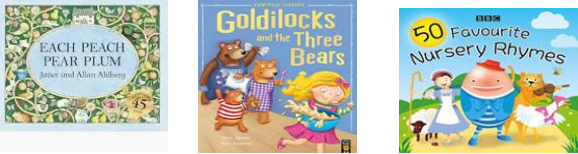
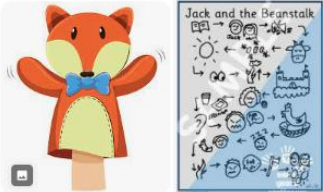

# Class R1 News!



Dear Parents/Carers,

My name is Mrs Summers and I am your child's class teacher. The teaching assistants that work across Reception are Mrs Drummond and Mrs Dobney. The children have made a fantastic start to Reception and are settling in well! They are becoming more familiar with the routines and making friends. I am thoroughly looking forward to helping your children grow and learn, whilst having lots of fun along the way!

## What are we learning about?

EYFS Theme – Tell me a story	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
<p>This half-term our focus will be 'tell me a story' where we will all get to know each other through stories. We will read traditional tales and sing lots of familiar nursery rhymes. Our first story focus is Each Peach Pear Plum followed by Goldilocks as we learn about well-known traditional tale characters. Books we will read:</p> 	<p>We will introduce the children to British values, as well as our school values. This half term we will focus on the British Value of Mutual Respect and the school values of? We will be talking about how we can look after others and establishing good personal hygiene routines. As always, we will encourage independence when dressing, undressing and for personal care.</p>
Communication and Language	Physical Development
<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 have daily phonics lessons where they start to learn the phase 2 phonemes. We will learn and perform poems.</p> 	<p>A PE lesson following the Lancashire plans will be taught on Thursdays and this will be linked to the Elmer stories. As you can imagine PE days are great fun with so many children getting changed at the same time. It would really help us if children wear "easy" uniform on these days eg elasticated waist, limited buttons etc.</p> <p><b>Please ensure all PE kit and uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid things getting mixed up or lost!</b></p> 

## Literacy

This half term our learning will be focused around Each Peach Pear Plum and Goldilocks as well as familiar nursery rhymes. These texts support the children's learning about traditional tale characters. We will be role playing, asking questions and performing talk for writing.

## Mathematics

We will be learning to count objects using actions, songs and sounds. We will be learning number songs to help with number order. The children will be learning to count accurately to 5 and beyond using careful counting. We will be learning to subitise to 3. This means looking at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count. We will recognise lots of ways that numbers to 3 can be represented.

## Understanding the World

We will be describing who is in the children's family and understand different family structures. The children will be recognising similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. We will be talking about what jobs their parents and carers have and be able to talk about past events and experiences in their own lives. We will be learning about the past through nursery rhymes. We will be learning about journeys, using maps and spotting physical features.

## Expressive Arts

In Design and Technology this half term we will be learning lots of DT skills, such as hole punching, cutting, weaving, following instructions. They will use these skills to make a Goldilocks picture. Continuing the Goldilocks theme, the children will carry out food technology here they will make porridge.

## Important Information

### Reading Homework

Your child will bring their first reading book home today with more information on how to support them with reading at home.

Reading books will be changed every Wednesday. However, please send your child to school with it in their bookbag each day.

### Talk Homework

Talk homework will come home every Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. More information will be provided shortly.

**Please come and speak to me if you need any support with your child's homework.**

### Snack

The children are provided with milk and a snack each day, so there is no need to send additional snacks.

### Library

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

## Forest Fun.

The children will be going up to the forest every Wednesday. Wellies will be needed. School coats can be worn – or you are welcome to send in a spare, waterproof coat/puddle suit if you have them – but please don't buy these specially. If trousers/tights could be worn on Tuesday too – that would be great! Waterproofs/wellies can either be left in school or you can send them in each Wednesday. Please ensure all items of clothing are labeled with your child's name.

## Important upcoming dates

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – school photos

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October- School closes for half term.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Inset Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens

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

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

