



Class 20

Autumn Term 1 2024



Welcome to Class 20! I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for an exciting new term. The adults in our class are Miss O'Toole, Miss Smith and Mrs Walton. We are all looking forward working with you and your children this year. We can see that they have already made a brilliant start to the year and are settling into their new routines. During our Meet the Teacher sessions on Thursday 12th September, there will be a chance to get to know the staff in 20 a little better, to look around our classroom and to find out more about expectations and learning opportunities in Year 2. We hope to see you there.

Please read the knowledge organisers below to find out more about what we are learning this half term and how you can support your child. The best way is always to read as often as at home! Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. In Year 2, children begin to choose their own reading books so they can bring home a book that really gets them excited about reading.

If you have any questions or concerns during this half term, please don't hesitate to speak to Miss O'Toole or Miss Slater, who is our Key Stage 1 lead.

What are we learning about?

English	Maths
<p>In English, we will be reading the story Way Home for Wolf written by Rachel Bright.</p> <p>We will use the story as inspiration for a variety of writing opportunities, including a narrative piece and a nonfiction information page about an animal. We will focus on a range of grammar skills, including capital letters, full stops and using joining words in our writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Place value and the number system- Measurement, length and mass- Addition and subtraction- 2D and 3D shapes
Science	History
<p>Unit: Living things and their habitats</p> <p>Big Question: Who would live in a habitat like this?</p> <p>Vocabulary: Living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed</p> <p>Names of local habitats e.g. pond, woodland</p> <p>Names of micro-habitats e.g. under logs, in bushes</p>	<p>Unit: Rosa Parks</p> <p>Big Question: Did Rosa Parks make a difference?</p> <p>Vocabulary: primary and secondary source, timeline, chronology, significant, civil rights, boycott, discrimination, segregation, protest, Montgomery, America</p>

Computing	Design Technology
<p>Unit: Computer Systems and networks</p> <p>Big Question: What is information technology (IT)?</p> <p>Vocabulary: information technology, computer, barcode, scanner/scan</p>	<p>Unit: Food – Fruit Smoothies</p> <p>Big Question: How do we develop the most enjoyable smoothie flavour?</p> <p>Vocabulary: fruit and vegetables, utensils, soft, juicy, crunchy, sweet, sticky, smooth, sharp, crisp, sour, hard, flesh, skin, seed, pip, core, slicing, peeling, cutting, squeezing, popular, design, evaluate, criteria</p>
Music	Physical Education
<p>Unit: African – Hands, Feet, Heart</p> <p>Big Question: Are African style songs only popular in Africa?</p> <p>Vocabulary: Pulse (beat), Rhythm (long and short), Tempo (fast and slow), Dynamics (loud and quiet), texture, tune, improvisation, composition, notation, synthesizer, glockenspiel, beater, vibrations, notes, lyrics, lead and second vocal, song structure, introduction, verse, chorus, instrumental, South African music, gospel, rest, forte, piano</p>	<p>Unit: Throwing</p> <p>Big Question: What does a good underarm throw look like?</p> <p>Vocabulary: throw, underarm, overarm, swing, accurate</p> <p>Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school on these days.</p>
PSHE	Religious Education
<p>Unit: Relationships</p> <p>Big Question: What is bullying?</p> <p>Vocabulary: Permission, physical contact, bullying, deliberate, unacceptable</p>	<p>Unit: Christianity - God</p> <p>Big Question: Does how we treat the world matter?</p> <p>Vocabulary: harvest, creation story, sustain</p>
Homework	
<p>Homework will be alternative between English and Maths weekly. It will be given out every Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday. The children are also expected to read at least three times a week at home.</p>	

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/>

