



Our Year 1 Newsletter

Monday 6th September 2021

Welcome to Year 1

We trust that you all have had an enjoyable Summer break and we would like to welcome you to Year 1. If you have had children in our year before at The Discovery School you will find that this term may be a little different than what you have experienced before.

We have been working hard to create an effective curriculum which will allow the pupils to continue to learn through play while challenging them and preparing them for the primary years that lay ahead of them. Mixing the best of EYFS with Key Stage One.

This term our topic will be 'Digging for Dinos' and we are hoping to welcome an exciting visitor into school later this term.

An Average Day in Year 1

The children will participate in a range of short, engaging sessions throughout their days. These will include:

- Linked provision—a range of independent morning activities to develop skills they may have already started to build on in EYFS.
- 'Big Book' talk—daily reading of a big book with an adult, focusing on spelling, grammar and comprehension skills.
- Guided reading—reading in a small group with an adult to develop a range of reading skills.
- Phonics—learning and practising their phonic skills.
- Maths—daily differentiated sessions.
- Handwriting—learning to use cursive.
- English—daily differentiated sessions.
- Plan, Learn, Review—similar to their EYFS session except our sessions will be more structured with intentions linked to each activity.
- A wider curriculum session (PSHE, Science, RE...)

Reading

As you can tell from our daily sessions, reading is very important to us! We expect the children to read at home every night for at least 10 minutes.

Following a reading assessment with your child, we will issue two school reading books every Monday and Thursday.

Please use the books that your child has been set on 'The Bug Club' as well as the books that are set home. If you are unable to access these your child can read books that they may have at home.

If you have any problems accessing 'The Bug Club' please email your class teacher.

Please make sure that you write or mark in your child's reading record to show that they have read. New books will only be issued once we can see that the current ones have been read.

Important Information

PE sessions this term will be on Tuesdays and they will also have a Forest School session (details to follow).

Our Staffing Team

Darwin:

- * Mrs Ismail—class teacher (Mon-Thurs) and Year 1 leader
- * Mrs Latter—class teacher (Fridays)
- * Mrs Gray—teaching assistant (everyday)
- * Mrs Sturge—cover teacher (Weds AM)