



Our Year 1 Newsletter

Monday 5th September 2022

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 'Family and Feelings', a new topic this year. We are planning something exciting later in the term which we will write to you about soon.

An Average Day in Year 1

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

- Morning activities—a range of independent activities to develop skills they may have already started to build on in EYFS.
- Daily reading of a big book with an adult, focusing on spelling, grammar and comprehension skills.
- Shared reading—similar to what they are used to in EYFS, the children will read texts together.
- 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.
- Linked provisions—activities which are linked to our topic which they will complete through the week, either independently or with adult guidance.

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 for Darwin class will be on Fridays and they will also have Forest School sessions (details to follow).

Our Staffing Team

Darwin:

- * Mrs Ismail—class teacher (Mon-Thurs) and Year 1 leader
- * Mrs Robinson—class teacher (Fridays). She will also teach on Thursday mornings.
- * Mrs Oakley—teaching assistant (everyday)