


# Y1 Discovery Newsletter Autumn 1 2022

Welcome back to the new school year and a fun-packed half term. It has been lovely to see the children settle so well in to being in Year 1. We can already see a big change in how much effort they are putting into working as our Year One Lead Learners.

This half term our topic will be 'Where I Live'



Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under  Classes

 Discovery-what's new?

## Curriculum Information:

- Maths, English, guided reading and phonics are taught daily alongside other areas of the curriculum.

- **Reading:**

We ask that your child reads every night and that you record this in the reading record book. Your child will continue to receive a phonics book which they should be able to decode independently alongside a colour banded book which they will require support reading. Please write a positive comment which we can re-iterate with your child. Then, add any additional comments you wish for us to see about your child's reading e.g. If you think your child needs to re-read this book; if there are any words/graphemes your child has had difficulty with. **It is vital that your child reads every day at home.**

Don't forget : Children will always benefit from listening to grown-ups reading. This is where we really hope to foster a love of reading and enthuse your child. Reading for pleasure will be taught through your child listening to stories, poems, non-fiction texts, rhymes and fairy/traditional tales. There's nothing better than listening to a good story or poem, perfect for bed-time chilling out time!

- **Maths:**

In Year 1, the focus within mathematics is to build **fluency**, **problem solving** and **reasoning** across all the mathematical strands. This half term sees us focussing on comparison of objects and quantities with the introduction of symbols. We will finally begin to look at the part-whole model. In class, we are using lots of practical resources (manipulatives) to support your child - check out Dojo to peak at what we have been up to. We ask that you continue to support your children through the maths homework set on Numbots. We would also like you to focus on helping your child learn their number bonds within and to ten as this is a huge building block in helping them become fluent not only in Year 1 but for their rest of their primary education. Here is a free website link which is brilliant for this :

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. Remember little and often is the key.

Numbots:



Maths homework will be accessed via Numbots. Look out for a Dojo Message for how to access this.

- **Spellings:**

Spellings will be sent out every Monday. These will be formed from the graphemes we have been learning plus any Y1 common exception words. Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings. Try to make learning these fun through use of magnetic letters / writing in different coloured pens / using foam letters in the bath etc 😊

**PE:**

**Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school.**

In addition to taught PE lessons we will jpo in with a daily 10 minute skip! 😊

As always, our door is always open and you are welcome to come and speak with us. Our Class Dojo is frequently checked and any messages answered as quickly as we possibly can.

We are looking forward to continue working together with your children and yourselves for another year of fun, laughter and learning!

Team Discovery 😊

**Year 1 common exception words**

This is a word list taken from the National Curriculum of recommended words a Year 1 child should be confident spelling as they complete Year 1.

the a do to today of said says are were was is his has  
I you your they be he me she we no go so by my  
here there where love come some one once ask friend school put push pull  
full house our

Here is a website which may be of use : <https://www.theschoolrun.com/spelling-in-year-1>