**Discovery Newsletter - Summer 2 2023**

Welcome to your child’s last half term of this academic year! We cannot believe how quickly this year is flying by

This half term our topic will be **‘Buckets and Spades’,** so we will continue with lots of outdoor learning which our class love! To bring our topic alive for the children, we are planning on taking Discovery class on a school trip to Blackpool, on Tuesday 11th July. A letter explaining the trip will follow. ☺

 We have started the half term with Spirituality days : ‘Christian Values are our Superpower! The Year 1 children are carrying out their phonics screening this week. We have FIT FORTNIGHT starting on the 19th June which is always amazing! Dance from the heart roadshow will be on Tuesday 20th June from 11:30. This finishes with Sports’ Day on Friday 30th followed by our FoHSM Summer Fair. Keep your eye on Dojo and the school newsletter for all dates and reminders ☺

Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under Classes Discovery-what’s new? We will also pop it on Dojo for you to see.

**Curriculum Information:**

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

**Reading:**

Our focus on reading is to build **fluency**, **confidence** and **pleasure**. We will do this through teaching your child to apply phonic knowledge, blending sounds in unfamiliar words and reading common exception words. We ask that your child reads every night that you record this in the reading record book. Books will continue to be changed Mondays and Thursdays. If you need more books at another point just ask ☺ Bingo boards with sounds/tricky words your children need will continue to come home for some children, please practise lots and when your child is secure new words/sounds will be sent home. **It is vital for your child’s progress that your child reads every day at home**.

Thank you to everyone supporting homework, it makes a huge difference.

**Maths:**

Maths and fluency are taught every day. At home, please continue to practise counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, one more/one less, number bonds to 10 and 20 , doubles and halves.

 **Maths Homework and Spelling:**

* Year 1, please play Numbots regularly.
* Spellings will be sent out every Monday. These will be based on the graphemes we have been teaching plus any common exception words or tricky words. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

PE:

**Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school (including pumps/trainers that fit).**

* **Tuesday: athletics Discovery class**.
* **Thursday: Year 1 only with Miss Topping**

**Sun Safety**

**Please ensure that your child has : sun cream on before school**

 **A sun hat / cap**

 **A named water bottle**

 **Sunglasses**

During this half term, there will be an opportunity for the children to ‘move up’ to their new class ready for September. We will let the children know when this is and also let you know via Dojo. As always, our door is always open and you are welcome to come and speak with us. Our Class Dojo is checked daily and any messages answered as quickly as we possibly can.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Mesghali, Mrs Hothersall and Team Discovery!