

## EY1 Term 1 Parent Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all to the Early Year 1 (EY1) year group. We do hope you had an enjoyable summer break and we are looking forward to meeting you all. To our new familiar, welcome to DBIS.

### **Meet the Team**

The Year 1 team this year consists of four class teachers, Angharad Cook (Year Group Leader and classroom teacher of EY1AC), Georgina Clothier (EY1GC), Emma McCartan (EY1EM) and Laura Bell/Bev Hull (EY1LB). In addition to the teachers we are pleased to be working with the following Educational Assistants; Mrs Brenda Dauz (EY1AC), Mrs Anna Hudak (EY1GC), Mrs Monica Curruthers (EY1LB) and Ms Maria Carlota Jaramillo (EY1EM) who will support the learning of our students in EY1.

### **Start of Term - Thursday 13th and Friday 14th August**

The academic year will begin on Thursday 13th August at 8.30am via Google Meet with your child's class teacher and educational assistant. You will receive the Google Meet link via our online learning platform Seesaw prior to the meet. We will meet again on Friday 14th August at 8.30am.

Please see the outline below;

Thursday 13th August	Friday 14th August
<p><b>8.30am Whole Class Google Meet</b></p> <p><b>Focus;</b> Summer Sharing</p> <p>Please can your child come to our Google Meet ready to share their 'summer news', for example;</p> <p><i>Who did you play with during the summer break?</i></p> <p><i>Where did you enjoy playing?</i></p> <p><i>What is your favourite game to play?</i></p> <p><b>Home Learning</b></p> <p>Please see your child's Seesaw account for home learning. This will be available from Wednesday 12th August at 5pm.</p> <p>Scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences from 1pm. Please use the Google Meet link from the morning Google Meet.</p>	<p><b>8.30am Whole Class Google Meet</b></p> <p><b>Focus;</b> Show and Tell</p> <p>Please can your child come to our Google Meet with an item to 'Show and Tell'. Questions to support your child include;</p> <p><i>What is your item?</i></p> <p><i>Why is it special?</i></p> <p><i>Where did you get it from?</i></p> <p><i>Who gave it to you?</i></p> <p><b>Home Learning</b></p> <p>Please see your child's Seesaw account for home learning. This will be available from Thursday 13th August at 5pm.</p> <p>Scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences from 1pm. Please use the Google Meet link from the morning Google Meet.</p>

### Parent Conferences

Your first EY1 Parent Teacher Conference will take place from 1.10pm on Thursday and Friday afternoon via Google Meet (please note the link will be the same link from your child's morning Google Meet session, please then enter the meet at your appointed time). This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and share any useful information you have about your child. If you haven't signed up please do so via this link

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=n9n2p>

### Home Learning - From Monday 17th August

Starting Monday 17th August your child's EY1 class will split into two groups for their morning Google Meet followed by RWI. Your child's RWI session will be led by the class educational assistant. Your child's Google Meet time and RWI session will be communicated to you by Friday 14th August. The timetable below we hope will support you and your child with their home learning.

#### **EY1 Term 1, Week 2 Home Learning Overview**

##### **Week beginning 17th August**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meet 1	<b><u>Google Meet - Community Time</u></b> <i>The Community Time topic will be communicated via Seesaw with your child's home learning.</i> <b>Group 1</b> - session will take place between <u>8:30-8:55am</u> <b>Group 2</b> - session will take place between <u>9:00-9:25am</u>				Your child will have a 1:1 session with their class teacher once a fortnight. Your child's slot will be communicated <i>by the end of day on Monday 17th August.</i>
Google Meet 2	<b><u>Google Meet - RWI</u></b> Your child will be placed in either group 1, 2, 3 or 4. These sessions will last for 15 minutes and will be focussing on RWI. <b>Group 1 - 9.30 - 9:45am</b> <b>Group 2 - 9:45-10:00am</b> <b>Group 3 - 10:00-10:15am</b> <b>Group 4 - 10:15-10:30am</b>				
Home Learning Activity 1	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Forest School Activity
Home Learning Activity 2	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Catch Up (please use this time to catch up on your home learning from the week)
Home Learning Activity 3	Discovery	Reading	Discovery	Reading	12.30pm Learning for Life Assembly with Ms Cole and

					Mrs Cassidy
<b>Home Learning Specialists</b>	Each class will have 'live' specialist lessons, this timetable will be communicated next week via your child's Seesaw. These specialist lessons are Learning Technologies, Mandarin, Music and PE.				

- A daily story will also be uploaded to your child's Seesaw account by 2.30pm.

### **Home Learning Packs**

Starting from Thursday 20th August and Friday 21st August a home learning pack will be available for collection between 12 - 2pm at the DBIS main campus. We kindly ask that one adult collects the pack and wears a mask.

In this home learning pack will be;

- 4 x Home readers; these reading books are for your child to read at home with an adult. They are designed to develop your child's confidence with reading and fluency when reading out loud. TO support your child with their comprehension skills, please find attached to this letter comprehension questions you can use to prompt your child with their understanding of what has been read.
- Home learning materials for the following week (if and when appropriate)

### **Parent Communication**

It is extremely important to all the EY1 teachers that we establish positive relationships and communication between home and school. Should you wish to discuss your child's learning or any sensitive issues in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the 'messaging' function on Seesaw.

### **Class Parents**

Class Parents play an important role in Discovery Bay International School's community and culture. This role greatly benefits everyone within a class, assisting the teacher in a range of ways throughout the year. Class Parents are parent volunteers that take on the role in the early weeks of each new school year. This role is not limited to one person, and ideally, each class should have two Class Parents. If you are interested in taking on this role please let your class teacher know. The class teachers truly appreciate the support we receive from our class parents throughout the year.

If you have any questions through the course of the term please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the 'messaging' function on Seesaw.

We look forward to seeing you all for our first Google Meet on Thursday 13th August.

Kind regards,

The EY1 Team