

Nursery Term 1 Parent Welcome Letter



August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our students and families joining DBIS Nursery. It is going to be an exciting year, filled with interesting and fun learning activities that will encourage your child to blossom, grow and make friends with children from around the world. Please ensure that you regularly visit the Parent Hub as important information will be posted here.

Meet the Team

The Nursery Team consists of five classroom teachers and Educational Assistants, we can't wait to meet our new Nursery families. We are a dedicated team who wish to ensure your child has the best start to their learning journey.

Nursery Class	Classroom Teacher	Educational Assistant
Farm	Ruth Brislen (Nursery Year Group Leader)	Analyn Hepper
Starlight	Philippa McIntosh	Melissa Fuchs
Sunflower	Radhika Gidwani	Jackie Mann
Rainforest	Nicola Hill (Early Years Assistant Head)	Nadia Wan
Seaside	Deirdre McCarthy	Virlie Hyde

Nursery Online Learning

Week 1 (12th August)

- **Wednesday** Parent Welcome Presentation
- **Thursday** Seesaw Welcome Video.
- **Friday** Share your Postcard via Seesaw (this was sent to you via post before the summer and will be uploaded on Seesaw to print if misplaced.)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 17th August	Seesaw online learning begins.			Activity Pack Collection begins.	Google Meet Schedule for Week 3 will be sent out via Seesaw. Nursery Class Google Meet Links for the following week will be sent out via Seesaw.
	Parent Teacher Conference - These will be held via Google Meet.				
Week 3 24th August	Google Meets begin. Whole class Google meet 9:00 am	Small groups: *Group A: 9:00 *Group B: 9:30 *Group C: 10:00	Small groups: *Group A: 9:00 *Group B: 9:30 *Group C: 10:00	Whole Class Google Meet 9:00 am	1:1 Google Meet with class teacher. Or Small group sessions with Educational Assistant: *Group A: 9:00 *Group B: 9:30 *Group C:

					10:00
	Drop In Reflection Time via Google Meet with your class teacher / class educational assistant (Monday - Thursday) Class times as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm 2pm • Starlight 1:30pm • Sunflower 2pm • Rainforest 2:30pm • Seaside 2:15pm 				
Week 4 31st August	Daily Seesaw Task from class teachers continues.				
	Weekly Specialist Learning Technologies task posted on Seesaw.				
	Google Meets with class teachers and educational assistants continue in the morning. Afternoon Reflection drop in continues Monday - Thursday				
	Live Specialist lessons begin in the afternoons. The live session will be recorded and posted onto Seesaw. Details of these sessions will be sent to you via Seesaw in Week 3. Live Specialists Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandarin • PE • Library • Music 				

Online Home Learning

Seesaw: Your child will receive a daily home learning challenge via Seesaw. Each challenge will relate to an area of the Early Years Curriculum. Monday's activity will be posted the Friday before by 5pm and the following days in the week will be posted by 5pm the day before. If you are having any difficulties accessing Seesaw please email Angela Moriarty via amoriarty@dbis.edu.hk

Google Meet the timetable and Google Meet links for the week will be shared with you via the Seesaw Messaging tool the Friday before. Google Meet sessions allow your child to interact with their class teacher and educational assistant and new Nursery friends. Every other Friday your child will have the opportunity to have a 1:1 Google Meet session with their class teacher. You will be asked to sign up for a time slot via Seesaw. As this is a bi-weekly rota if your child is not meeting with their class teacher they will be invited to a small group Google Meet with their Education Assistant.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Your first Nursery Parent Teacher Conference will take place via Google Meet. 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. Your Parent Teacher Conference will be at the original time sent to you previously via post before the summer. We will send you a message via Seesaw on Friday 14th to confirm your time. Google Meet links for the meeting will be sent to you the day before.

Offline Learning Packs

You can collect an offline learning pack from Week 2 from the EY Campus every Thursday and Friday 11am - 1pm. A range of resources will be prepared that will support your child's learning at home.

Library Books

If you would like to take a book out of the Early Years Library, please let your class teacher know any books or interests your child has. Send these to the class teacher on either Monday or Tuesday via Seesaw and books will be ready to collect with activity packs.

Communication

It is extremely important to all the Nursery Teachers that we establish positive relationships and communication between home and school. A key part of Early Childhood development is incorporating what they learn at home, within their familiar environment and what they learn in school. If your child does something exceptional and you would like to share the proud moment please share these moments with us, we would love to hear about these and share them within the DBIS Early Years community. We have exciting plans for the year ahead and we will let you know what they are through the Parent Hub and Seesaw so please keep checking all the communications. Should you wish to discuss your child's learning or have any questions through the course of the term please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher directly 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.

It is a very exciting time of year for all of us, the Nursery Team is really looking forward to getting to know our Nursery families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team

