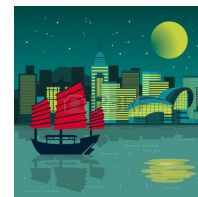
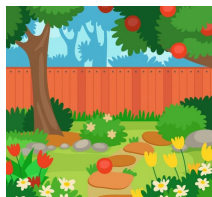


## Reception Term 1 Parent Welcome Letter



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all of you joining Reception! We do hope you had an enjoyable summer break and we are looking forward to meeting you all. To our new families, welcome to DBIS!

### Meet the Team

The Reception team this year consists of five class teachers:

Airport	Charlotte Phillips (Year Group Leader)	Mari Collier
Safari	Emma Chambers	Rasarin Rudell
Garden	Helen Reid	Amber Horne
Castle	Elle White	Suzy Borelli and Chloe Gerrard
Harbour	Chloe Foster	Connie Siu

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

The academic year will begin on Thursday 13th August at 9:15am via Google Meet with the Reception Cohort. This will be a chance to meet all the Reception Teachers and have a community sing-a-long. Your child will then have the chance to participate in a Google Meet with their 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 9:15am. Please see the outline below:

Thursday 13th August	Friday 14th August
9:15am- Whole Cohort Assembly Focus: Teacher Introduction and Singalong	9:15am- Whole Cohort Assembly Focus: Teacher Introduction and Singalong
9:45am- Whole Class Google Meet Focus: Holiday News and Story Time	9:45am- Whole Class Google Meet Focus: Show and Tell & Story Time

Please post your 'All About Me' transition sheet onto your child's seesaw learning journey so your teacher can get to know your child better. (A template will be uploaded onto Seesaw if you need another copy)

## Parent and Teacher Conferences

Your first Reception Parent Teacher Conference will take place from 1pm on Thursday and Friday afternoon via Google Meet (please note at link will be sent to you via Seesaw at 1pm, 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=uwj4>

## Home Learning - From Monday 17th August

Starting Monday 17th August your child's Reception class will split into three groups for their morning Google Meet. Your child's Google Meet time will be communicated to you by Friday 14th August. The timetable below we hope will support you and your child with their home learning.

### Reception Term 1, Week 2 Home Learning Overview

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Google Meet 1</b>	<b><u>Google Meet - Community Time</u></b> For this session, we will place your child in either Group 1, 2 or 3. These groups will remain the same throughout the week and be communicated by Friday 14th August. <b><u>Group 1</u></b> - session will take place between <u>9:00- 9:20am</u> <b><u>Group 2</u></b> - session will take place between <u>9:30-9:50am</u> <b><u>Group 3</u></b> - session will take place between <u>10:00-10:20am</u>				
	Community Time topic	Community Time topic	Community Time topic	Community Time topic	Your child will have a 1:1 session with their class teacher once a fortnight. Your child's slot will be communicated by the end of day on Monday 17th August.
<b>Home Learning Activity 1</b>	Discovery	Discovery	Discovery	Discovery	Catch up
<b>Home Learning Activity 2</b>	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Catch up
<b>Home Learning</b>	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI	Catch Up

Activity 3	(commencing Week 3)	(commencing Week 3)	(commencing Week 3)	(commencing Week 3)	
<b>Home Learning Specialists</b>	Each class will have a live daily specialist lesson. This timetable will be communicated early next week. These specialist lessons are Mandarin, Music and PE.  Wednesday- Assembly with Ms Cole and Ms Cassidy 2pm				
<b>Google Meet 2</b>	Optional class Google Meet will be available on Monday- Thursday afternoons for children to share their learning or share any news. Class teachers will share these times with you in accordance with specialist lessons.				

### Assembly

Reception will have a weekly assembly with Ms Cole and Ms Cassidy on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. This is a chance to come together and celebrate learning from the week. Two shining stars will be nominated by class teachers and if selected your child will receive a certificate in your Home Learning Pack on a Thursday/ Friday afternoon.

### Home Learning Packs

Starting from Thursday 20th August and Friday 21st August a home learning pack will be available for collection at the DBIS Early Years Campus. We kindly ask that one adult collects the pack and wears a mask.

In this home learning pack will be:

- Home learning materials for the following week supporting Discovery and Mathematics (if and when appropriate)
- RWI materials (Week 3)
- Art Materials

If you would like to borrow a library book for the week, please send your child's interest to your class teacher on a Monday or Tuesday so the books can be sourced and sent home with your activity pack later in the week.

### Parent Communication

It is extremely important to all the Reception 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 Reception Team

Charlotte Phillips

Emma Chambers

Helen Reid

Elle White

Chloe Foster