

# Information for Parents

## Autumn Term 2020

### Discoverers Class



#### **Key vocabulary for this term:**

Ear, lips, skin, heart, fingers, nose, bones, face, hips,  
eyes, toes, mouth, back, legs, tongue, senses, body,  
torso, limbs, muscles, movement, human, sight, touch,  
taste, smell, hearing, healthy, fitness, lifestyle,  
temperature, texture, nerve

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely Summer break. Thank you for all your hard work in the Spring and Summer Term, during home learning and these difficult times. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead. The theme this term is focussing on 'Variety of Life' as a whole school, and in particular 'Marvellous Me' in Discoverers.

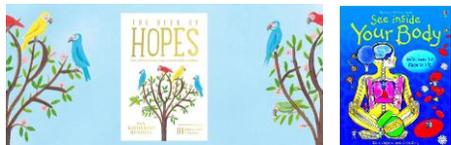
The Discoverers Class have been sharing lots already about themselves and how we are all unique and special. We hope to share lots of this work with you via Class Dojo during the term.

Many thanks,

Miss Long and Miss Lewis

#### **How you can help at home:**

- **Read with your child daily and use the focus questions in the front of their reading record. Also encourage them to write their book title, page numbers and to collect any unknown words, to learn, in the margins.**
- **Support with home learning each week (1 x spelling list to learn each week, and times table practice on Times Tables Rock Stars.) This will be set and checked on a Friday.**
- **Ensure a complete PE kit is worn on Mondays and Fridays and that children have wellies for Forest School on Mondays.**
- **Encourage your child to find out about our topic at the local library, or through safe, supervised use of the internet.**
- **Read the newsletter and Class Dojo story posts to keep up with regular news and half term projects etc.**



### **English**

This term we are studying *The Book of Hopes*; beginning with *The Hope-o-potomus* poem and *My Favourite Game*. Later we will be writing diaries, and recounts. We will also be writing and reading non-fiction that ties in with our Science focus of the body. Children will read as part of a guided group once a week and also independently and in pairs. In our spelling sessions we will focus on the Year 1/2 statutory word list whilst learning spelling rules and patterns. We will be recapping and continuing to build phonic skills to support reading and writing skills.

### **Science**

We are finding out about the main parts of the body and how these link to the senses. We will make good links between PE for this and to health and wellbeing.

### **Maths**

Our learning will continue to build understanding and reasoning; covering number, place value, calculation, fractions, shape space and measure and statistics. The children will also practice their times tables and strengthen number fact recall.

### **Computing**

This term we will build computational skills and also create and use databases.

### **Life Curriculum**

We are recapping the importance of school rules and exploring mindfulness. We will also consider which parts of the body are private and how to keep our bodies healthy.

### **Stunning Start**

We have been sharing lots about ourselves to begin our topic of **Marvelous Me**. We hope to share lots with you via **Class Dojo** throughout the term.

### **Half Term Home Learning**

Create a sculpture, model or portrait of your family using any medium you would like.

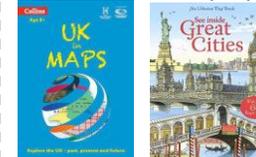
### **Fabulous Finish**

We will be creating some videos to share with you on **dojo portfolios**, celebrating our work from the term.

### **Geography**

This term, we will be studying our world both locally, the UK and as a whole; considering characteristics and cities.

Field study work will include maps, compass points and directional language. We are also building our vocabulary and understanding of human and physical features.



# Marvellous Me



### **Art**

The Discoverers will be exploring different forms of portraits and people-focused artwork. We will study various famous artists and create artwork to express ourselves in creative ways.

### **Music**

We will be focusing on music appraisal for the first half of term, and then composing using tuned percussion.

### **Physical Education**

We begin the year with dance at the Village Hall. Our theme for this is the circus, as part of the 'variety of life' whole school topic. We are also completing a Health Related Exercise unit. After half term we will be doing tennis and gymnastics.

### **Forest School**

We are making the most of the special environment in the Forest Garden to link many areas of the curriculum. In particular this term we will link to geography and map work.

### **RE**

This term we will consider Bible stories and teachings from the Gospels – what is the good news Jesus brings?

After half term we will find out about Judaism – who is Jewish and how do they live?

**Spirituality-** The children will develop a greater understanding of how they are special and how all people are unique.