

Welcome to The Discovery School!

Being the best that we can be!



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Welcome from
Headteacher
Miss Gobell



Who are we?



EYFS Staff

Mrs Suzanne Boulton
Jenner class teacher
and EYFS leader.

Mrs Eva Martin Jenner
Teaching Assistant.



EYFS Staff

Miss Nicolle Aiston
Newton class teacher.



EYFS Staff

Miss Gemma Harris
Einstein class teacher.

Mrs Michelle Flint
Einstein Teaching
Assistant.



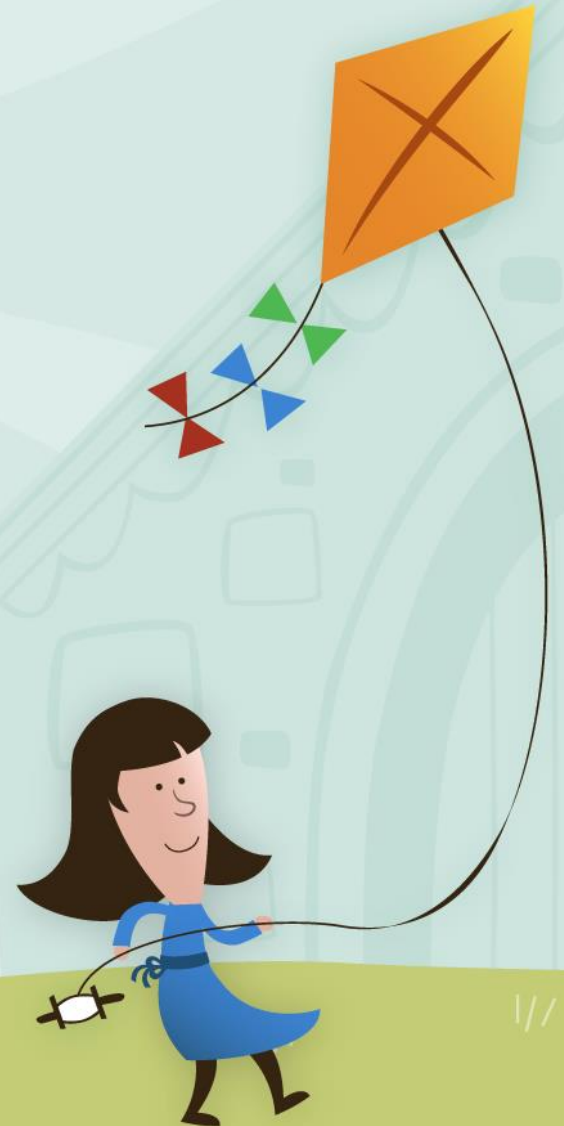
People who can help you!

- Lovely Mrs Priddis - Schools Admissions Expert.
- Mrs Caplan – Office Manager
- Mrs Alexander – School Business Manager
- Mrs Mason – Front of house
- Mrs Wilkins – Front of house
- Mrs Rutland – ICT Manager

- Please telephone/or come to the the office if:
- Your child is poorly.
- You change telephone number or email.
- You wish to speak to a member of staff.
- Any notes, letters or forms can be posted in the red post box or pop in your child's book bag and we will find it.



Learning in EYFS.



How we learn in the EYFS!



Follow Development Matters and the Early Years curriculum

Child initiated learning (PDR).

Teacher directed learning.

Outside and indoor learning.

Free flow between the classes.



What to expect in our Early Years Foundation Stage.

- **Flexible September Timetable.**

- 8.40am - 8.50am - Children arrive at school
- 8.50am - Linked Provision (Guided Reading and Independent Activities)
- 9:10- 10:10 Dough Disco, Write Dance and Phonics (***there will be a presentation in September about this***)
- 10:10 – Snack and Story
- 10:30 - 11:30 PDR
- 11:30 - Review

- 11.40am – Wash hands for lunch, prepare for lunch
- 12.45pm – Registration/drink/toilet
- 1.00pm - Calendar time
- 1.10pm – Maths (Maths Groups)
- 1:30pm – PDR
- 2:30pm—Review
- 2:40pm –Music/RE/PHSE/Show and Tell
- 3.00pm - Story Time and getting ready
- 3.15– Home Time



What is Plan, Do and Review (PDR)?

- This is child initiated learning where the children will talk or draw what they would like to do.
- Through their activities (play) solidify their learning.
- Everyday provision includes role play, drawing, music, computers, building, sand and water.
- Enhance the provision with activities linked to the topic e.g. Sewed superhero puppets, built traps for evil characters and collected evil peas from goo!



Snack and Lunches at Discovery!

All children in EYFS and KS1 have access to a piece of free fruit or vegetable. In EYFS we will eat this during a relaxed story time. The children also have access to free school meal or you can provide a healthy packed lunch for your child.



Please discuss the school meal choice with your child as this will help them choose in the mornings.

They have access to a meat choice, vegetarian or a jacket potato.

If you want your child to have milk this can be sorted out by speaking to a member of the office. Milk is free until your child turns five.



Before and After School Club!



The Discovery School before and after school club is run by members of the Discovery School team.

The children will get a tasty breakfast hot or cold in the mornings and a healthy tea in the late afternoons.

The children get lots of opportunities to play with their friends or they can relax with a book in the comfy corner.

In the mornings the children will get taken to their classes by a member of the club staff and of an afternoon an adult from your child's class will walk them to the club.

Please speak to the office about how to book you child into the club.



What to get ready for your child starting school.



In addition to the school uniform



PE Kit

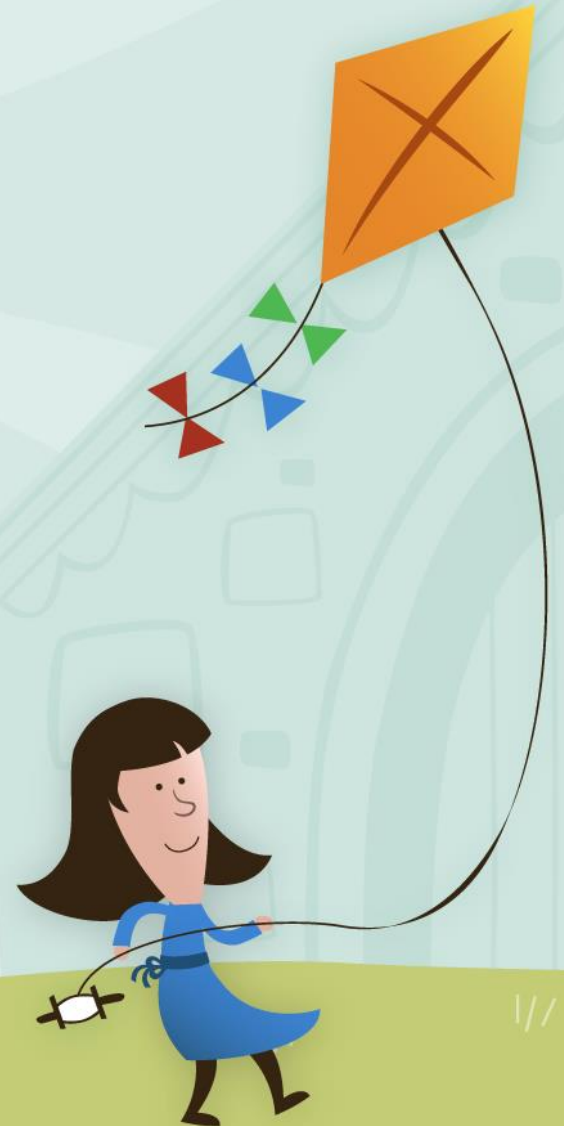




Name EVERYTHING!



June, July and September



Getting ready for school from pre-school



May – Begin to gather 'Pen Picture' form the pre-schools.

June and July – Transition sessions and your child's class teacher will try to visit them again in their pre-school setting.

September – Home visits

September - Morning or afternoon session.

September – Morning only and a small group stays for lunch each day.



Transition

- Arrangements for the 'Stay and Play' session in June and July please come to the EYFS gate and we will sign you in. You can stay with your child for these sessions.
- Children divided into two groups, morning and afternoon for our transition day Thursday 4th July. Aim to leave your child with us and collect them from their classroom.
- On the Thursday 4th July please come through the EYFS gate to drop off your child and say goodbye at the end of the session please collect them from their classrooms where their new teacher will hand them to you.



Homework!

Over the Summer

All About Me!

- Create a collage all about themselves, include leaflets from holiday, pictures or photos of family, friends and pets, pictures of their favourite toys or programmes, images of their hobbies. For their first week of school to share with their friends.
- Your hopes for your child's first year at school.

Record what you want for your child. We will keep this in their learning journal at the front and at the end of the year we can see if its come true!

From September



Reading every day and recording this in the reading records.

Recording WOW! Moments



The School Community



The Discovery School Governing Body

- The Discovery School Governing Body is dedicated to working in partnership with the staff in order to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential during their primary school years.
- The Chair of the Governing Body is Mrs. C Stringer. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the work of our governing body, then please contact us via the Clerk c/o the School Office or by email chairofgovernors@discovery.kent.sch.uk.
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The Friends of Discovery School (FODS)

- The FODS are an invaluable part of our school and cannot be praised highly enough for their hard work and commitment. The FODS are a group of parent volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds for our school. Without their support, the 'extras' the children benefit from, such as the play hut, bike and scooter racks could not be purchased.
- As a team they are reliant on new parents joining them to ensure continuity and future sustainability. As such the FODS would welcome your interest and support—the committee can be contacted by popping a note into the FODS file by the front office.



Finally



Is your child ready for school? Are you ready for school?

• Mythbusters!

- My child should be able to read and write before starting school.
- My child needs me for...
- My child won't like English/Maths because I didn't.



• Real expectations

- Your child can get dressed by themselves.
- They can put on their shoes and coat.
- They can carry their own things.
- They can use a knife and fork.
- Be positive! (*Smile even though your heart is breaking*)
- Be prepared to separate quickly at the gate. (*Try separating at the transition dates*)
- Your child comes to school with the correct equipment.
- You read something everyday with your child.



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