



Welcome to The Discoverers Hub

As the name suggests the children in Year 1 and 2 are learning through discovery!

Information will be directed to you as parents of Discoverers

The team

Y1

- ▶ 1B Miss Megan Benfield
- ▶ Mrs Kirstie Shingfield

- ▶ 1P Mrs Sarah-Jayne Preston
- ▶ Ms Gianna Colligiani

- ▶ PPA cover (Tuesday Afternoons)
- ▶ Mr Will Thwaites (1P)
- ▶ Mrs Helen Cockings (1B)

Y2

- ▶ 2A Miss Sophie Aldis
 - ▶ Mrs Bev Dobson (1st half of week)
 - ▶ Mrs Georgina Cairns (2nd half of week)

- ▶ 2M Miss Lindsay Monk
 - ▶ Miss Danielle Mullins

- ▶ PPA cover (Tuesday Afternoons)
- ▶ Mrs Simon Burch(2A)
- ▶ Mrs Heather Jones (2M)

Approaches to learning

Core Skills of Reading, Writing and Maths are essential especially as the children in our hub are just getting to grips with them and discovering what they can achieve.

They support children's ability to reason and express themselves.

- ▶ A gradual development of the wider curriculum creating more significant experiences
- ▶ A wider range of formats will be used as accepted demonstrations of understanding - rather than a heavy reliance on writing
- ▶ Blocking of the curriculum. Teaching staff may decide that it is better to develop knowledge and understanding in a particular curriculum area through much bigger blocks of learning.
- ▶ Using Outdoor Spaces
- ▶ Interweaving maths into Art, Design and Engineering lessons.
- ▶ Still timetabled to include everything, but much more flexibly!
- ▶ No day to day predictable structures. The focus is on learning which enables children to be absorbed and committing learning to the long-term memory.

A Year in the Discovers Hub

Year 1

- ▶ Term 1: All about me
- ▶ Term 2: Transport
- ▶ Term 3: Homes and houses
- ▶ Term 4: Castles
- ▶ Term 5: Wonderful World
- ▶ Term 6: Seaside

Year 2

- ▶ Term 1: Healthy Me
- ▶ Term 2: The First Flight
- ▶ Term 3: Amazing Architecture
- ▶ Term 4: The Crown
- ▶ Term 5: Home and Away (Australia)
- ▶ Term 6: Brilliant Bristol

What it means to be a Discoverer...

- ▶ In all of our classrooms the children will find the same behaviour policy. This will be discussed with the children frequently to ensure that school is a happy and productive place to discover.



We follow our class rules

Our teacher will remind us to make good choices

If I do not listen to my class teacher Mrs Preston will discuss my choices
with me

If I continue to disrupt my own and others learning I will be sent to

Mr Forrester

Housekeeping

- ▶ Books bags - Please make sure that your child has their book bag in school with them every day. This helps us to ensure things get safely home to you. It also is a safe place for them to leave their belongings. As we do not have lots of space **please leave larger backpacks at home.**
- ▶ PE kits - The children will need a white t-shirt, blue shorts, PE shoes in school in a bag which can be hung on their peg. In Year 2 we will be doing PE on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.
- ▶ Wellies and 'Messy' clothes - The children will need a pair of wellie boots. These can be put in the final two blue welly sheds as you leave the playground. 2A's shed is the first, 2M's is the second.
- ▶ Painting overalls - This can be an old shirt, t-shirt etc. Anything that you don't mind getting painty. They can leave this on their pegs.
- ▶ Water bottles - The children can bring in a bottle of water which they will be able to access throughout the day.

Housekeeping cont...

- ▶ Please name everything!! Including school uniforms.
- ▶ The start and end of day routines have obviously changed this year and they seem to be running smoothly from our point of view. Any problems please let us know. If your child has siblings please use the hall as a drop off and pick up point. We will take and collect your children from there.
- ▶ Due to COVID restrictions we are not inviting you into school as much as we would normally be doing or having as much contact with you as perhaps we would otherwise. We are available to speak to on the playground, and will do our best to be available. However we are always contactable via email. We aim to respond within 2 days, but usually quicker.

Our email addresses are:

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lindsay.monk@bristol-schools.uk

Reading

- ▶ This year the whole school is re-launching our approach to reading. Further details to follow in newsletter and on website.
- ▶ We would like to work in partnership with you to ensure every child is a confident reader by the time they leave our hub.
- ▶ We will be asking you to read with your child 5 times per week and the children will be rewarded for this. Monkey books will be checked every **Tuesday** (from 15th September).
- ▶ Your child will be given **two** reading books for the week.
- ▶ An adult in school will help your child to change their books once a week.
- ▶ The focus is going to be on both reading the words and also talking about what they have read.
- ▶ In school, we will be reading with the children, practising our comprehension skills and having daily end of the day stories.

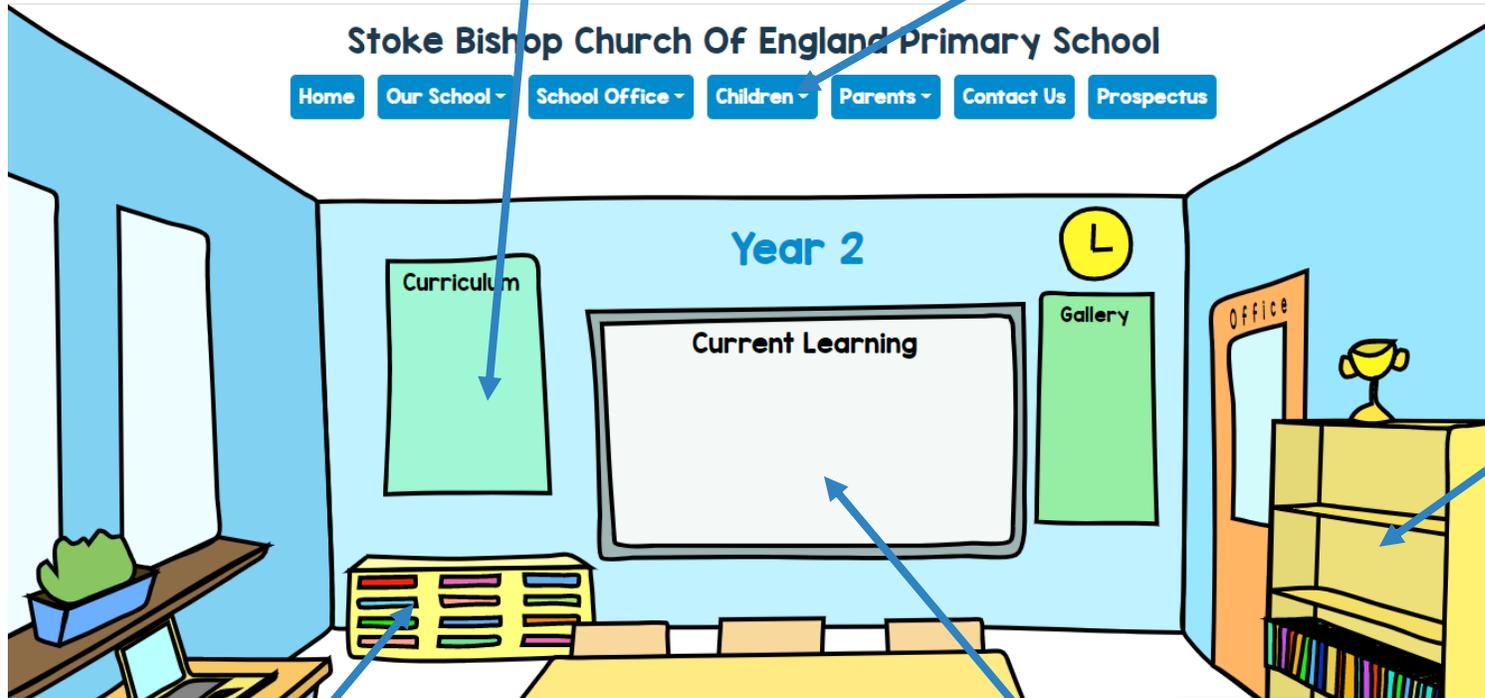
Shared learning

- ▶ Although challenging in lots of ways, learning from home during the pandemic did show us the importance of working together very closely to achieve the best outcome for the children.
- ▶ Reading is going to be our primary focus.
- ▶ You can also support your child through engagement in our topics. Ideas for activities will be put on the website
- ▶ Learning meetings will run as they did last year.
- ▶ There will be a “Discoverers” section of the school newsletter
- ▶ In normal circumstances we would host “sharing our learning” events in school, once per term. We are working on ways to make this happen remotely so dates and events will be confirmed shortly.
- ▶ Website is a window into the classroom

Website

This will provide you with overview documents and information, for example this presentation!

Find the Year 2 page here



Here you will find the books we are studying in class as well as suggestions for longer books to share together.

We will use this section to show you what we are learning. We will also be putting up our weekly spelling rules and 'Spellings of the Week' here.

We will put ideas to support our topic here.

Covid Considerations

- ▶ We are working our way through this year and things may change with the guidance.
- ▶ The children wash their hands on arrival into school, before they eat their fruit and lunch and when they return from the playground for the afternoon.
- ▶ The children have their own pencil case with their own individual stationary set.
- ▶ The children are sitting in table groups next to the same partner and they share some Maths resources with their table.
- ▶ The reading books which are sent home are put into quarantine for 72 hours, so the ones that come home to you will have only been touched by one adult in school and your child.
- ▶ The children are reminded to “catch it, bin it, kill it” when they sneeze and cough and to wash their hands afterwards. We have special bins for these tissues to be placed in.
- ▶ We accompany the children to the toilets to ensure they don't come into contact with other children and as a reminder to wash hands.
- ▶ We remain as a year group bubble and playtime and lunchtime arrangements ensure there is no cross over. Children have a set of year group specific resources to play with outside.