

25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share with you a very special project taking place in Key Stage 1 this term - the transformation of our shared space, the Discovery Den, into a dedicated sensory and wellbeing environment for our children.

The Discovery Den sits at the heart of our KS1 area and is used daily by children and staff. Our vision is to create a warm, inviting and therapeutic space where children feel safe, calm and supported. We want to move away from its current clinical feel and instead develop an environment that actively promotes emotional regulation, focus and positive mental wellbeing.

The redesigned Discovery Den will include:

- Soft furnishings and flexible seating
- Sensory and calming visual resources
- Neutral, soothing colours and textures
- A quiet zone for reflection and small-group learning
- Resources to support emotional regulation and self-soothing

This space will support children in many ways, including small-group learning, interventions, quiet reading, nurture sessions and providing a calm place for children to regulate and refocus when needed.

We are incredibly grateful to Verity Frearson, a Harrogate Estate Agent, who have very kindly offered to sponsor a significant part of this project. Alongside this, we are launching two exciting fundraising opportunities this term to help us fully realise our vision for the Discovery Den.

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Easter Hamper Raffle	KS1 Quiz Night – Date for Your Diary
<p>We will be creating four special Easter-themed hampers, one for each KS1 class.</p> <p>Each class will be assigned a hamper theme and we kindly ask that children bring in one small donation that fits their class theme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donations should be brought into school by <b>Friday 20th March</b>.</li> <li>• Raffle tickets will be available to purchase and the hampers will be drawn on <b>Friday 27th March</b> by KS1 children.</li> </ul>	<p>We are also delighted to announce a KS1 Quiz Night on:</p> <p><b>Friday 24th April</b> <b>Westcliffe Hall</b></p> <p>This will be an adults-only evening and promises to be a fantastic event, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Western staff team to beat</li> <li>• Lots of exciting prizes, including prizes from Rudding Park, Mother Shipton’s, La Feria, Stockeld Park and many more</li> <li>• A fun, relaxed atmosphere with friends and our school community</li> </ul> <p>This will be a bring-your-own-drinks event and further details regarding timings and tickets will be sent soon.</p>
<p><i>Miss Ward’s: Cosy Easter Night In</i></p> <p><i>Ms Smith’s: Easter Wellbeing &amp; Pamper</i></p> <p><i>Miss Herfield’s: Easter Foodie Treats</i></p> <p><i>Miss Musetti: Easter Family Games &amp; Fun</i></p>	

This project means a great deal to us as a KS1 team. The Discovery Den has the potential to make a lasting difference to our children - supporting their wellbeing, helping them regulate their emotions and ensuring they feel safe, calm and ready to learn.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support. By working together, we can create a truly special space for all of our current and future KS1 children to benefit from for years to come.

With Warmest Thanks,

The KS1 Team