

Discovery Days!

A day to discover...

SUPER SCHOOL!

School around the world

Children all over the world go to school, but their schools might be different to yours in all kinds of ways. Here are just a few of them:

Armenian children are required to learn **FOLK DANCING** in school.



Armenia

Japanese students have special lessons where they learn to

ADMIRE NATURE.

In South Korea, the school day can be **14 HOURS** long!



South Korea



Japan

In India, some children travel to school by **SCHOOL RICKSHAW** instead of a bus.



India



Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, where flooding is common, some children go to **SCHOOL ON A BOAT!**



Photo: Abir Abdullah and Mohammed Rezwan / Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha

A school like yours

What's your favourite thing about school? Is it the teachers? The fun of learning new things? Seeing your friends? Or maybe even the lunches?

On the last page we looked at some of the ways that schools in other countries can be different than in the UK. Now let's think about the ways they are the same...

Meet the teacher!



Photo: Tom Saater/Actionaid

Mrs. Chahine is a primary school teacher in Nigeria. She has 40 children in her class.

"Education is very important in Nigeria because without it children will not have access to anything in life," she says.

Visit the classroom!



This is a classroom in Tanzania. Does it remind you of your classroom in any ways?



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I'm looking forward to...

Let's write down the best things about your school. What are you really looking forward to doing, and who are you looking forward to seeing the next time you step through your school gates?

Make a list and see how many you can come up with!

How many things did you think of?

1-3 Not bad

4-6 Great

7-9 Amazing

10+ WOW!

DID YOU KNOW?

32 million primary-age girls are missing out on school around the world.

Meet the school runners!

In the **School Run** game, you can race to help a child overcome difficulties and find the thing they need to get to school.

Here are just four of the millions of children around the world who are unable to go to school. Choose which child you want to play as, and make sure you know which item they need. Then, set up the board and get started!

Maria Natalia



- Age:** 9
- Country:** Guatemala
- Dream:** To have an education and get a good job
- Needs:** Food to help her through the school day.

Nyawoh



- Age:** 8
- Country:** Sierra Leone
- Dream:** To keep her books dry on the way to school in the rainy season
- Needs:** A school bag.

Hein Min Soe



- Age:** 8
- Country:** Myanmar
- Dream:** To be able to read lots of different books
- Needs:** Access to books on subjects he finds interesting.

"I'm very happy when I can read books."

Millicent



- Age:** 16
- Country:** Ghana
- Dream:** To become a nurse to keep people healthy
- Needs:** A bicycle so she can make the long journey to school.

"My village is far from school. I have to walk a long way, sometimes in the dark, and I'm often late."

DID YOU KNOW?

To get to and from school, many children have to walk for two hours or more.

Dress for discovery

All over the world, children wear school uniforms as a way to help them feel a sense of pride in their school and connection with their classmates.

As you can see, their uniforms are all very different, but they can be very smart and brightly coloured. Which one is your favourite?



Nigeria



Nepal



Uganda



Indonesia

You-niform!

Imagine your school uniform could look however you want. Draw a picture of your amazing design – you could create a uniform that a school might actually use, or go for something that is truly bonkers. It's up to you!

When you finish your design, try to find items in your house to create your new uniform for real!



Hope you've discovered lots of new things today. Your next Discovery Day will take you to Bangladesh to learn about this amazing country and its people. See you there!