



# Spring 2021 Year 1 Newsletter

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



We are so very glad to welcome all the children back to school after the last, long lockdown. We know that it has been hard for everyone to stay at home and stay safe, but it has been worthwhile. Thank you all for supporting your children with remote learning, whether it was online or with learning packs. Everything you have done will help your child make progress. It has been fantastic seeing everyone at school again and we look forward to making the rest of the term and school year fun for everyone as we progress the learning.



## **Year 1 teaching staff:**

Class Michael Rosen	Ms Ahmad
Class Roger Hargreaves	Ms Kerr
Class Roald Dahl	Mrs Britton

## **Year 1 support staff:**

TAs: Miss Adegoroye



Year 1 Leader: Mrs Britton

## **Punctuality & Attendance**

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8.30am** for Year 1 pupils and finishes at **3:10pm**. Please can you make sure that your child is **punctual** and attends school regularly. If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school on **020 8556 0103**, giving a reason for their absence or provide a note when they return to school. May we remind you to inform the school office if your contact details have changed.





### Physical Education

PE takes place every week on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason which prevents them from doing so. Children must remember to come to school wearing their PE kit which includes:  
Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms  
Plain white T-shirt  
Plimsolls or trainers



### Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

**Reading** - The Emperor's Egg

**Phonics** - blending and segmenting words

**Maths** - Multiplication and Division

**Science** - Circuits

**RE** - Hinduism

Topic - Minibeasts

**Art** -

**PE** - Dynamic balance and dance



### Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing onto the **behaviour ladder**. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at any time. This will be recorded on a referral slip. If your child receives a referral you will be asked to come to school to discuss your child's behaviour depending on the situation with the Year Group Leader. Hard work and good behaviour will be celebrated and acknowledged using a variety of reward systems (stickers, certificates, prizes). Please encourage your child to try their best throughout this term.



### Reading Books

Reading books are changed weekly. Your child will receive a reading book based on their reading level and should be reading at home for 10 minutes every evening. Please write comments in the reading record books concerning your child's reading. Some questions you may wish to think about: **Were they reading**



### Homework

Children will be given homework weekly. It should be completed and returned the following week in order for your child to mark their homework. Any late homework will not be marked, however we will still give out the next piece of homework. Homework is issued as a means of consolidating and reinforcing the work covered during the week in class. It is an ideal opportunity for parents to work with their child at home. It would be beneficial if you encourage your child to complete and hand in their homework on a regular basis.



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### Healthy Schools

We would like to remind parents that we are a healthy school and that your child is encouraged to eat healthily at lunchtime. If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please ensure that it reflects a healthy meal. Please could parents ensure that the school office is aware of any serious allergies that your child may have, as our school is a Nut Allergy Aware environment.

### And finally...

We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education. If you have any concerns, no matter how big or small, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs Britton  
Year 1 Leader

