



Newsletter Spring Term 2021 (Year 4)

Downsell Primary School Downsell Road Loxton 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 4 teaching staff:

Class: Cressida Cowell Ms Khatun-Ahmed

Class: J K Rowling Ms Savill

Class: Nadine Kaadan Ms Soar

Year 4 support staff:

TAs: Ms Tina, Ms Ivanovana and Mark.

Year 4 Leader: Mrs Dawood (Ms Soar - Acting Lead)



Punctuality & Attendance

Just to remind you that school starts at **8:45am** for Year 4 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 lessons are every Monday and Tuesday. All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason which prevents them from doing so. **Children can to come to school wearing their PE kit** which includes:

Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white T-shirt



Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

English - Fiction: 'Krindlekrax' Planning and writing a Suspense Narrative. Non-Fiction texts: Planning and writing a Newspaper report

Reading- Fiction: 'Krindlekrax.' Fiction'

Maths - Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Work Problems involving money. Geometry: Symmetry and Co-ordinates

Science - Forces: Magnetism, Buoyancy and Air Pressure

RE - Buddhism

PE - Indoor: Dance Outdoor: Dynamic Balance and Agility

Computing - Algorithms for Games

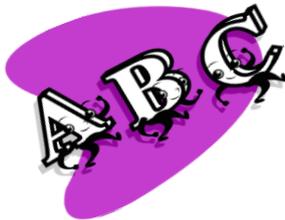
Topic - Tropical Rainforests

Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is always 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 on Fridays.. Your child will receive a reading book based on their reading level and should be reading at home for 10 - 20 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 fluently? Is your child understanding the text? Can they read all of the words?** Please ensure all books are kept in your child's bag and that they are returned to school on the required day. Any late book bags will not be checked.





Offline Homework

Offline homework is Spelling, Reading and one homework book each week on a rotation basis. Children will bring homework home on Friday every week. Children should complete the homework and return it by the following week on Wednesday 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 way 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.



Online Homework

Please encourage your child to complete the online homework: My Maths; Read works; TT Rockstars and also learn the weekly spellings which are uploaded on the class pages of the school website.

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, especially in these troubled and uncertain times. 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 and with all best wishes,
The Year 4 Team

