



Autumn Newsletter Year 5

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 would like to thank you for all of your support during this hard time. We appreciate that it has been difficult for everyone to stay at home and stay safe, but it has been worthwhile. Thank you all for support with your children's remote learning, whether it was online or through the learning packs. We hope that you are ready for the busy term ahead. We are really looking forward to working collaboratively with all parents and carers.



Year 5 teaching staff:

Class Michael Morpurgo Mr Rahman (Year group leader)

Class Kenneth Grahame Ms Baird

Class Grace Lin Ms Rowlett

Year 5 support staff:

TAs: Ms Sohail, Ms Hylton, Ms Chenia, Ms Sajjad, Ms Patricia, Blane

Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:45 am** and finishes at **3:10 pm**. Please encourage your child to come to school on time to enable them to start their early morning activity. 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**, providing a reason for their absence or provide a note when they return to school. May we also remind you to inform the school office if your contact details have changed.



Physical Education (PE)

All children are expected to take part P.E unless they have a medical reason that prevents them from doing so. Children must remember to wear their PE kit to school on their allocated days, as they will not be allowed to change into their P.E at school due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Children must wear the following:

Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white T-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers

It is not possible (for health and safety reasons) to take part in P.E whilst wearing school uniform and shoes.





Timetable for Year 5 P.E

P.E - Monday and Wednesday (Class Michael Morpurgo)

P.E - Wednesday and Thursday (Class Grace Lin)

P.E - Tuesday and Wednesday (Class Kenneth Grahame)



Curriculum

Please visit the Year 5 class pages on the school website to view our curriculum overview for the year. Here is a brief overview of the curriculum coverage for spring.

English: Work based around the book 'Guardians of the wild unicorns' by Lindsay Littleton. Narrative and Non-fiction.

Maths: Reviewing Number, Place-Value, Addition and Subtraction, Geometry: Properties of shapes, Angles, Position and Direction and Statistics.

Science: Ani and their habitats.

Computing: Coding – using Scratch.

Topic -

History: The Stone Age

Geography: America – including the Grand Canyon.

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 regularly. Your child will receive a reading book based on their reading level and should be reading at home for 20-30 minutes every evening. Some questions you may wish to think about: **Can my child read the book? Can my child answer questions about the book?** Please ensure that all books are kept in your child's bag and that they are returned to school on the required day.

Homework

Each child in Year 5 has been provided with login details for Google drive and homework is available to complete online, this includes spellings for the week. In addition to this, My Maths, Times Tables Rock stars and Readworks is available for your child. We also request that you read with your child for at least 10 minutes each day. As you already know, completing homework is important as this allows the children to build on the work we do in school, giving them extra independent practice and consolidates their learning.



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.

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 or the Year Group Leader.



Yours sincerely and with all best wishes,

The Year 5 Team