



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



We hope you have had a relaxing half term. Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5. We are all looking forward to an exciting term and continued success of all our pupils.



Year 5 teaching staff:

Class Cobalt	Mr Rogers (Senior Leader/Year 5 Lead)
Class Promethium	Ms Paraouty
Class Livermorium	Ms Soar (Senior Leader/Year 3 Lead)



Year 5 support staff:

TAs: Ms Louise, Ms B, Ms Karen

Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at 8.45am for Year 5 pupils and finishes at 3:10pm. Please can you make sure that your child is **punctual, arriving from 8:30 when doors open** 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 **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason that 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 - Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo (Retrieval, Inference, Word Meaning and Authors Intent)

Literacy - Writing a narrative

Maths -Position and Direction, Shape, Measure, Money, Four operations

Science - Properties and Changes of Materials

Geography - Shipwrecked: Icebergs and the Atlantic Oceans

RE - Art, Architecture, Charity and Generoisity

Art - Abstract art / Ocean Scenes

PE -Striking and Fielding

PSHE - Computer Safety / The working World

Music - Charanga: Relfect, Rewind and Review

Computing - Robots

French - The Olympics



Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing on 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, they will be spoken to by a member of the senior leadership team and if poor behaviour persists, you will be asked to come to school to discuss your child's behaviour. Hard work and good behaviour will be celebrated and acknowledged using a variety of reward systems. Please encourage your child to try their best throughout this term.



Reading Books

Your child will receive a reading book based on their reading level and should be reading at home for at least **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 fluently? Is your child understanding the text? Can they read all of the words?**



Homework

Children will be given homework weekly. It should be completed and returned **every Friday** 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 you to work with your child at home. It would be beneficial if you encourage your child to complete and hand in their homework on a regular basis.

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.

Cultural Capital

Year 5's curriculum is designed to instil high aspirations in all of our children and encourage them become resilient, life-long learners who embrace challenges and continue to grow and develop their cultural capital. Cultural capital gives power. It helps children achieve goals, become successful. Our intent is for children to join us on a learning journey, which will equip them for the future. In Summer 2, we have exciting opportunities for children, such as creating our own abstract artworks, an educational trip to Mudchute City Farm, PSHE lessons and many more wonderful events/trips awaiting.

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.



