



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to welcome you back at the start of a new term (Summer 2) at Downsell Primary School. As you will appreciate, we endeavour to make your child's year as enjoyable as possible and we intend to give them a great deal of support and encouragement to reach their goals



Year 6 teaching staff:

Class Krypton

Mr Rahman

Class Einsteinium

Mr Africa (Senior Leader) /Mrs Osman



Year 6 support staff:

Miss Payne, Mrs Sohail and Ms Wajid

Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:30 am** for Year 6 pupils and finishes at **2:55 pm**. Please can you make sure that your child arrives on time 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. Please inform the school office if your contact details have changed.



Physical Education

PE takes place every week on **Friday**. All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason, which prevents them from doing so. Children must come to school wearing their PE kit, which includes:

Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white T-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers

Swimming takes place on a **Thursday** for year 6. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate swim ware to learn this vital life skill.





Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

English - Non-chronological report (Japan)

Reading - Japan: Fact Retrieval, Word meaning in context and Inference of characters feelings.

Maths - Transition activities for year 7

Science - Adaptation and Evolution

RE - Which person has inspired my life?

Geography - Golden age of Islam

PE - Athletics and Co-ordination and Counterbalance

Computing - Social media apps

French - Les Planetes (the planets)



Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing up 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 (certificates, prizes). Please encourage your child to try their best throughout this term.



Home Reading

Pupils are expected to read regularly at home for a minimum of 15 minutes each day. They should choose a book that matches their reading ability. When your child receives a reading, record please remind your child to bring their reading record into school daily - as the teachers will be monitoring their progress.





Cultural Capital

The curriculum is designed to instill high aspirations in all our children and to encourage them to become resilient life-long learners. This half term we will be looking at a contrasting locality and will be comparing similarities and differences between an urban and a rural environment.

Homework

Children will be given homework on Friday. 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.



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. Please do not send to school nuts, cereal bars containing nuts or chocolate spread containing nuts as our school is a Nut Allergy Aware environment.



Trips

The Year 6 children have worked extremely hard this year and as a reward for all their effort, they will go on several local trips. This will happen during the school day and we will return to school before the end of the school day.

As these are local trips and within walking distance from the school, we will only require one permission slip to be signed to cover all of the trips.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school or speak to your child's teacher. Please find below all the dates as well as the different places we will visit. The information will also be available on the school website. The cinema trip will require a contribution of £10.00. However, if we do not receive the relevant contribution for the cinema trip, then unfortunately the cinema trip will have to be cancelled. Payments can be made via the school shop on the school's website.

Trip to:	Date/time:
Drapers field	6 th June (Afternoon)
Drapers Field	9 th June (Afternoon)
Picture House Cinema (Stratford)	24 th June (Whole day)
QE11 park	17 th June (Whole day)
Drapers Field	1 st July (afternoon)
QE11 park	8 th July (whole day)
Drapers 'Field	14 th July (morning)
Playground water battle	14 th July (Afternoon)

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
The year 6 team