



Autumn 1 2022 Newsletter EYFS

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,

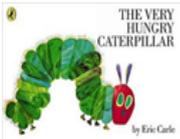
Welcome back to our Autumn Term for those previously with us and welcome to our new students and parents, we look forward to getting to know you and your child. This is always a busy term as the children settle in to their new classes and routines.



The children will be busy making friends and trying new activities. This means that they will probably be very tired to start, especially for those reception children that have never stayed for a full day, so please lots of early nights!

EYFS staffing

Nursery:



- Karen Britton - Teacher & Early Years Coordinator
- Linda - Early Years Practitioner
- Sarah - Early Years Practitioner
- Shabina - Early Years Practitioner
- Mehnaz - Early Years Practitioner
- Honel - Early Years Practitioner



Reception - Sarah Storey:

- Lauren - Class teacher - Leah covering maternity leave
- Jess - Early Years Practitioner
- Nicola - Support Staff

Reception - Ellie Simmonds:

- Farida - Class teacher
- Sarah - Early Years Practitioner
- Qamar - Early Years Practitioner
- Blane - Support staff



Uniform

Please make sure your child's clothing is clearly labelled. We have lots of children and they are all wearing the same clothes! We will let reception parents know when they will need a PE kit. This is not until after the October half term.





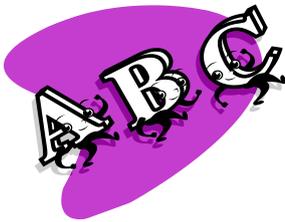
Learning at home

Language and communication is an essential part of learning. All children will be encouraged to use language as their main means of communication. We read stories and sing rhymes every day. Please talk to your child as much as possible and encourage them to ask questions, as this will help them to continually develop their language skills.



Independence

In EYFS we support the children to become independent learners. Please take the time to encourage children to dress themselves - especially when putting on, taking off and hanging up their coats. We teach them to put the hood on their head first and then wiggle their arms in.



At meal times please encourage the children to feed themselves. There may be a bit of mess or spillage but they will soon become competent.

Please speak to the staff if your child is still wearing nappies or pull-ups. We can work together to ensure they are fully toilet trained. We appreciate that accidents do happen so you are welcome to send in several changes of clothes in a named bag.

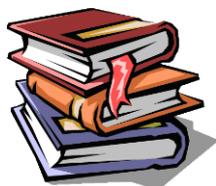
Book Bags

All children will need to bring a book bag in to school every week for the first half term - Fridays. We provide a story book to share with your child and as the term progresses we will send home an additional book/sheet as your child begins to learn their letter sounds in Reception.



Water bottles

In order to maintain personal hygiene, please provide your child with a water bottle, with their name clearly marked, to use in class everyday. We are unable to provide cups.



Tapestry

We use an electronic recording system, Tapestry, to monitor progress here at Downsell Primary. Please make sure you have signed the consent form in order to view your child's learning.



Name Writing

Please support your child by practising writing their name every day at home, it only takes five minutes but is the most beneficial manner in which to develop the hand muscles they need to gain increasing control of one-handed tools.



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.



Reminders

- ❖ Parents of children transferring to Reception in September 2023 will need to apply for a place.

eAdmissions website opened on September 1st

Go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk - applying for a primary school place. We suggest you do this as soon as possible.



- ❖ Please can you make sure that your child is **punctual** and attends school regularly.
- ❖ Greet your child with a smile not a mobile!
- ❖ Meet the teacher sessions on **12th September**

We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

The Early Years Team