



Spring 1 2023 Newsletter Year 2

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to extend a warm after the Christmas break and wish you all a happy new year, welcoming you to the beginning of Spring Term at Downsell Primary School. We hope to build upon all of the fantastic learning that has taken place at the start of the and ensure that the children continue with their academic progress and development.



Year 2 teaching staff:

Class David Beckham Ms Hussain
Class Zinedine Zidane Mr Rahman



Senior Lead Mr Rasem

Year 2 support staff:

TAs: Paula, Eman, Adeola, Miss Miller



Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8.55am** for Year 2 pupils and finishes at **3:20pm**. 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 **Monday and Thursday**. 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:



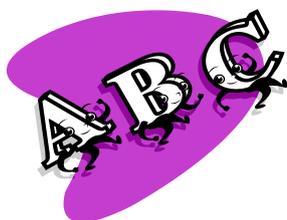
- Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers



Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

- **English - Fiction:** Paddington
- **Non-fiction:** The Story of London
- **Maths** - Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Division, Multiplication and Division, Time
- **Science** - Use of Everyday Materials
- **RE** - What are Muslim Beliefs?
- **Geography** - Locate Cities Around the World
- **Art** - Explore Stephen Wiltshire
- **PE** - Outside: Dynamic Balance and Agility
- Inside: Gymnastics
- **Computing** - Digital Communication, Paddinton
- **PSHE** - Feelings and Emotions

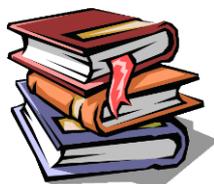


Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing onto the **behaviour ladder**. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at any time. 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. Your child will receive a reading book based on their reading level and should be reading at home for 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?** 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 changed that week.





Homework

Children will be given homework weekly on a Friday and to be returned the following week on Wednesday. Homework is issued as a means 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.



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. 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 2 Team