



# Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Summer holiday. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and that you are ready for the busy term ahead. We are really looking forward to working collaboratively with all parents and carers.

## Year 4 Teaching Staff

Class: Katarina Johnson-Thompson (KJT) - Ms Soar (Senior Lead)

Class: Lionel Messi - Ms Paraouty

Class: Dina Asher-Smith - Ms Baird and Ms Osman



## Year 4 Support Staff

Esther Hylton, Mark Ward and Rehana Sajjad

## Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:55 am** and finishes at **3:20 pm**. Please encourage your child to come in early at **8:45 am** 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 takes place every week. All Year 4 classes have PE on **Mondays and Thursdays**.

All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason which prevents them from doing so. Children must remember to bring their PE kit which includes:

Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white T-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers

Please ensure that **all** of your child's clothing is named (including their school uniform) and placed in a bag. It is not possible (for health and safety reasons) to take part in PE whilst wearing school uniform and shoes.

## Curriculum

Please visit the Year 4 class pages on the school website to view our curriculum overview for the year. Here is a brief overview of the curriculum coverage for Autumn.

English: Varjak Paw and Iron man (Fiction and non-fiction Narrative)

Mathematics: Place Value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Science: Animals including humans. Electricity

Topic - Geography: Australia and Greece.





### Homework

Children will be given their homework every **Friday**. They will receive weekly spellings, Timestable Rockstars online and My Maths online homework. Children will be tested on their spellings every **Friday**. In addition, project homework will be set and details will be sent out every half term. This can also be accessed on the school website.

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 and carers to work with their child at home. It would be beneficial if you encourage your child to complete their homework on a regular basis. Spelling homework must also be learnt weekly.

### 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 Senior 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 10 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 every day. Please ensure that a comment is written about what the child has read each day.



### **Cultural Capital**

The Year 4 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 the autumn term, we have exciting opportunities for children, such an educational trip to The Science Museum, PSHE lessons and many more wonderful events/trips awaiting.



### **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. There is an opportunity to Meet the Teachers on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm. Throughout the year, 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 4 Team