



Spring 1 2023 Newsletter Year 5

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS



Dear Parents/Carers,



A massive welcome back after the Christmas break. We have lots of fun things planned this term, which we know that the children will love. We endeavour each day to make learning fun and provide a creative curriculum, which is both broad and balanced. We intend to give them a great deal of support and encouragement to reach their goals.



Senior Leader: Ms Guvercintasi

Year 5 teaching staff:

Class Michael Jordan Ms Guvercintasi

Class Mo Farah Ms Abdi

Year 5 support staff:

Ms Elena



Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8.45am** for Year 5 pupils and finishes at **3.20pm**. 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**, 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 **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason which prevents them from doing so.

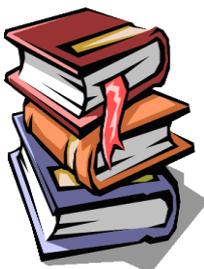
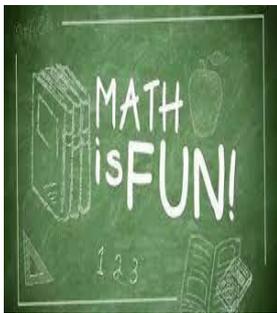
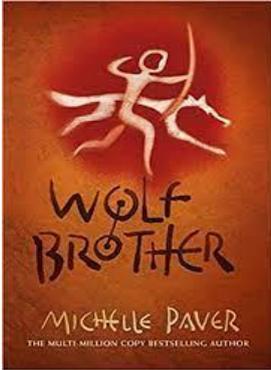
Children must remember to come to school wearing their PE kit which includes:

Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white T-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers





Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

English - Fiction: Wolf Brother **Non-fiction:** Burial Places

Maths - Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Perimeter and Area, Statistics

Science - Properties and changing of materials

Topic- History, DT: Stone Age

RE - Islam

PE - Outside: Dynamic balance and agility **Inside:** Gymnastics

Computing - HTML Codes

French - The weather

Music- Exploring Key and Time Signatures

PSHE- Feelings and Emotions, Life Skills

Cultural Capital

The 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. We will be building on our History topic by creating our own Stone Age shelters and using Stone Age techniques such as stones to sharpen flint. Throughout Spring 1, we will be learning all about the Stone Age. We will be uncovering how archaeologists have helped us to understand the past, the development of hunter gatherers and the early settlers in Britain, which we will further develop our knowledge and understanding by visiting several museums.

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 a 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 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 every day.



Homework

Children will be given homework weekly on **Friday**. It should be completed and returned the following week on **Wednesday** 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 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 or the senior leader, **Ms Guvercintasi**.

Yours sincerely and with all best wishes,

Year 5 Team