



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to welcome you back at the start of a new term (Spring 2) Downsell Primary School. As you will appreciate, we endeavor 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 Hoy	Mr Africa (Senior Lead)
Class Khatun-Ahmed	Miss Khatun
Class Tyson	Mr Rasem (Senior Lead)



Year 6 support staff:

Ms B, Ms Louise

Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:45 am** for Year 6 pupils and finishes at **3:20 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 **Wednesday 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 -Diary entry

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

Maths - Geometry,area and perimeter,volume of 3-D shapes.

Science - Evolution and inheritance

RE - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

Geography- Cornwall (contrasting locality)

PE - Dance and dynamic balance and agility

Computing - List app (programming and coding)

French - World War II: Countries and evacuees



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 should be completed and returned by Wednesday in order for your child to mark their 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. 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.



SAT's Preparation

This year the year six pupils will be sitting their Sat's test.

This will happen early May (from the 9th). Pupils will be tested in English reading, grammar and spelling as well as three math papers that consist of one Arithmetic and two reasoning papers.

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