



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back after the half-term break. 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.



Senior Leader: Mr Africa

Year 6 teaching staff:

Class Chris Hoy Mr Africa

Class Mike Tyson Mr Rasem

Class Usain Bolt Ms Kartum-Ahmed



Year 6 support staff:

Ms B

Karen

Louis



Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8.45am** for Year 6 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 **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. 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: The Hobbit

Non-fiction: How to be an International Spy

Maths - Fractions, Decimals, Properties of number, Algebra

Science - Animals including Humans

Topic- Geography: Pollution

RE -Christianity/Islam

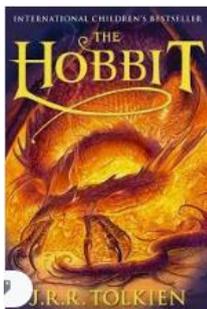
PE - Outside: Invasion games Inside: Static balance

Computing - Coding

French - Days/Months/Years

Music- Charanga-

PSHE- Keeping/Staying safe, Being Responsible



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 exploring our local area, collecting data and making comparisons over time. We also have lots of exciting events and trips planned for our children in Autumn 2



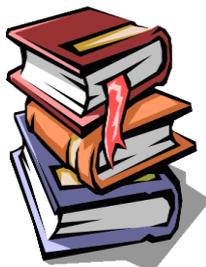
Behaviour & Rewards

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





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, **Mr Africa**.

Yours sincerely and with all best wishes,

Year 6 Team