**Dear Year 5**

Welcome back to the last half of the academic year and the last half term at Downsell Primary School. We have so many fun and exciting things before we finish. I love this term as you can see so much growth in the children and we always have great activities to finish the year.

This sheet provides you with an overview of what we will be learning and important dates for Year 6. As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s class teacher in the first instance. If you still have any questions or concerns please speak to the **Mr Africa.**

Year 5 Team

**Our Year Group Team**

**Class Acacia:**

Class teacher: Mr Africa

Support staff: Ms Branco

**Class Aspen:**

Class teacher: Mr Panchal

Support staff: Ms Hylton

**Senior Leader: Mr Africa**



**Uniform**

Our PE days are:

**Tuesday and Wednesday**

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days.

For non-PE days, our expectation is for all of our pupils to be in school uniform. If you need any support with providing a uniform for your child, please speak to the school office.

**Our Curriculum** - **Our curriculum is based on a selected text. The text for this half term is ‘Kensuke’s Kingdom’ by Michael Morpogo**

**English:** Reading and writing lessons about ‘Kensuke’s Kingdom

#### Maths: Geometry

**Science**: Living things and their habitats

**Topic**: **Geography**

Investigating Rivers

**Local History Study**

Waltham Forest Then and Now

**RE**: Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

**Computer Science:** Programming robots

**Online safety:** Edited photographs online:

**PSHE**: Growing and changing

**French**: The Olympics

**Outside:** Outdoor adventurous activity **Inside:** Co-ordination and counter balance

**Cultural Capital**

The curriculum is designed to instil high aspirations in all of our children and to encourage them to become resilient, life-long learners who embrace challenges and continue to grow and develop their cultural capital. This half term, we have some wonderful opportunities planned such as:

Trip to Lego Land and Sports day

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC)**

SMSC is in an integral part of school life and the on-going education of all of our pupils. Through our curriculum planning and assemblies, together with enriching experiences, children have the opportunity to explore values and beliefs. This half term some of our SMSC events are: Empathy Day, Science Week, Forest School sessions, Healthy Eating week, World Music Day, RSE Day.

**Important dates**

12/06/24 – KS2 Sports Day

02/07/24 – Legoland Trip

**Reminders**

School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.20pm. Good attendance is 96% and above. Please ensure that your child is in school regularly to meet this target. You can check on Weduc for your child’s most up to date attendance.

Please ensure your child reads for at least 10 minutes every day at home.

**British Values**

This half term we will be reviewing all of the British Values – mutual respect and tolerance, individual liberty, rule of law and democracy.

**Rights Respecting School**

Article 34 – protection against exploitation and abuse