



Autumn Newsletter Year

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a fantastic half term and are ready for the term ahead. This promises to be a busy term as we welcome all our new children and their families.

All class names in the school are famous authors.

Nursery have chosen Eric Carle.

Our story bays names: Caterpillar bay, Ladybird bay and Butterfly bay.



Nursery staff

Teacher - Maria

Early years practitioners - Linda, Leah, Jessica, Sarah, Qamar

Support staff - Ellen and Saiqa

Punctuality & Attendance

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.



AM - 8:40am to 11:40am

PM - 12:30pm to 3:30pm

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. Please write comments in the reading record books concerning your child's reading. Some questions you may wish to think about: **Can my child read the book? Can my child answer questions about the book?** Please ensure all books are kept in your child's bag and that they are returned to school on the required day.





Curriculum



Language and communication is a vital part of learning. All children will be encouraged to use language as their main means of communication. We read stories and sing rhymes every day.

We will be focusing on sharing and turn taking as for some of our children this will be the first time in a Nursery setting.

In the Nursery we support the children to become independent learners. Please take the time to encourage your child to dress themselves - especially when putting on and taking off their coats. We teach them to put the hood on their head first and then wiggle their arms in.



At meal times please encourage the children to feed themselves. There may be a bit of mess or spillage but they will soon become competent.

Please speak to the staff if your child is still wearing nappies or pull-ups. We can work together to ensure they are fully toilet trained. We appreciate that accidents do happen so you are welcome to send in a change of clothes.

Number songs and rhymes and counting happen every day in the Nursery.



We will be finding out about seasons and the changes in the environment and weather. The children will also learn about respect for others and how to stay safe. We will be learning to write our names and gain increasing control of one handed tools.

Learning at home

A rhyme will be sent home each week, please learn this with your child. Sharing the storybook daily is an important learning experience. Project homework will go home every half term.



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.



Reminders

Please can you make sure that your child is punctual and attends school regularly.

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is named and placed in a bag.

Please be patient when we are dismissing the children at the end of the sessions. The children's safety is of the utmost importance and we need to ensure that each child is delivered safely to their appropriate adult. Greet your child with a smile not a mobile!



If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's development, please talk to a member of staff, we are always happy to help.

We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

The Nursery Team