



Summer 2 2022 Newsletter Year 1

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to welcome you back to school after the half term break. We hope you all had a good rest. As you will appreciate, we endeavor to make your child's final half term in Year 1, as enjoyable as possible. As your child approaches the end of Year 1, we will continue to give them a great deal of support and encouragement to reach their goals, in preparation for their next stage of education.



Year 1 teaching staff:

Class Titanium	Ms Hussain
Class Copper	Ms Kerr
Class Iron	Mrs Sissila



Year 1 Senior Leader:

Ms Kerr

Year 1 support staff:

TAs: Ms Eman, Ms Meghan, Ms Paula, Ms Elaine and Ms Adeola



Punctuality & Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8.45am** for Year 1 pupils and finishes at **3:10pm**. 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. Please remember to inform the school office if your contact details have changed.



Physical Education

PE takes place every week, on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. 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

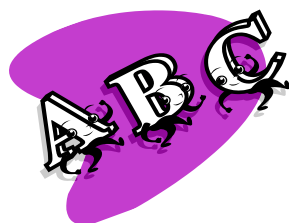




Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

- **Reading** - The Tear Thief - inferences, retrieval and true or false questions.
- **Literacy** - Adjectives, time words, conjunctions, commands and statements.
- **Maths** - Fractions, statistics, length, mass & weight, money, shape and time
- **Science** - Animals including humans
- **History**- Transport- George Stephenson
- **RE** - Belonging
- **PE** - Invasion games, co-ordination and counter balance
- **PSHE** - Relationships
- **Music** - Charanga- Reflect, Rewind and Replay
- **Computing** - Algorithms - Travel routes



Cultural Capital

The curriculum is designed to instill 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 Year 1 will be taking part in the whole school visit to Canvey Island, as well as other trips, to enhance their cultural capital experiences.

Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing onto the **behaviour ladder**. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at any time. 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 half term.



Reading Books

Reading books are changed weekly. Your child will receive a reading book or a reading sheet based on their reading level and should be reading at home for 10 or more minutes every evening. Please write comments in the reading record books concerning your child's reading, and allow them to write a comment about what they have read. Some questions you may wish to think about: **Were they reading fluently? Can your child answer questions about what they are reading?** Please ensure all books and/or reading sheets are kept in your child's bag and that they are returned to school each 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.



Spellings

Each week your child will also receive spelling homework. This is to be practised for 5 minutes each day at home. Your child will be given a spelling test on Friday's. Please help your child by completing their practise sessions.



Assemblies

Each week we focus on different themes during assembly slots. Our focus this half term are as follows:

1. Half term welcome and expectations / language of the half term / Child Safety Week
2. Healthy Eating week
3. National Sports Week/ World Music Day
4. Children's Art Week
5. Water and Sun Safety week
6. Transition Week
7. Celebration Assembly



Year 1's Parent / carer assembly: Thursday 23rd June - 2.30pm. We look forward to sharing our learning with you all!

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.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Kerr
Ms Hussain
Mrs Sicillia