



Newsletter Summer Term 2022 (Year 2)

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,



We hope you have had a restful half-term and would like to welcome you back to the final term of Year 2. We are all looking forward to an exciting term and continued success of all our pupils.



Year 2 teaching staff:

Class Mercury	Mrs Hussain
Class Carbon	Mr Rasem (Senior Leader)
Class Zinc	Miss Aktar



Year 2 support staff:

TAs: Ms Tina, Ms Miller, Ms Marceline, Ms Paula

Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:55am** for Year 2 pupils and finishes at **3:20pm**. Please can you make sure that your child arrives at the correct 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 Tuesday 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 - George's Marvellous Medicine

Reading - George's Marvellous Medicine (Fiction)
and The Life of Florence Nightingale (Non-fiction)

Maths - Number and Place Value, Measurements,
the four operations with measures and money, Fractions,
Statistics and position and directions.

Science - Plants.

RE - Christianity.

History - Florence Nightingale

PE - Coordination and Counter Balance (Indoor PE)
Invasion Games (Outdoor PE).

Computing - Scratch coding.

Art/DT - Design and make a lava lamp.

Music - Charanga (Reflect, Rewind and Replay)



Behaviour & Rewards

As always, 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 the Year Group Leader. Hard work and good behaviour will be celebrated and acknowledged using a variety of reward systems (stickers, marble jar, 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**



Homework

Children will be given homework weekly. It should be completed and returned the following week 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.

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, we have some wonderful opportunities planned such as designing and making a lava lamp, educational trips, PSHE and coding and many more wonderful events/trips awaiting.

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 are happy to be back at school. We all 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,