



# Spring 2 2023 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 year as enjoyable as possible and we intend to give them a great deal of support and encouragement to reach their goals.



**Year 1 teaching staff:**



Class Frank Lampard - Miss M Aktar  
Class Lewis Hamilton - Mrs N Sissila

**Year 1 Senior Leader:** Ms F Kerr

## Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8.55am** 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 week, on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. 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

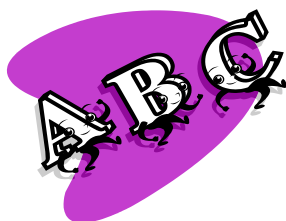




### Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

- **Phonics** - Identifying letter sounds, blending and segmenting words, ready books to increase comprehension and fluency
- **Reading** - The Emperor's Egg
- **Literacy**- Sentence building Descriptive writing
- **Maths** - Place Value with 50 , measurement- length height, weight & volume
- **Science** - Animals including Humans.
- **Geography** - Arctic Explorer
- **RE** - Who is a Muslim and what do they believe? (part 1)
- **Art** - The Arctic Explorer Plan, create and evaluate a Bird box
- **PSHE** - computer safety - online bullying
- **Music** - Combining Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch.
- **Computing** - Digital



### Cultural Capital

The Year 1 curriculum is designed to instill 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. This half term, we have some wonderful opportunities planned such as, an educational trip to a mosque and how to stay safe online and many more wonderful events



### 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 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 most of the words?** Please ensure all books are kept in your child's bag and they are return to school on a daily basis.





### 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. Phonics sounds and spellings must also be learnt weekly. As they will be tested and a record kept to monitor their progress.



### 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.



Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team