



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring term! 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.



Punctuality & Attendance

May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:55am** and finishes at **3:20pm**. Children are welcome to come into school for 8:45, for a 'soft start' where they will complete early morning reading. Please can you make sure that your child is **punctual** and attends school regularly. If your child is, absent from school, please call the school on **020 8556 0103**, giving a reason for their absence. Do inform the school office if your contact details change.



Physical Education

PE takes place every Wednesday and Friday for Year 1.

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. This includes:

- Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers

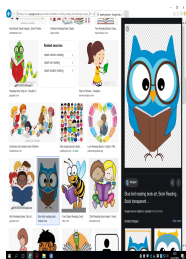
It is not possible (for health and safety reasons) to take part in PE whilst wearing school uniform and shoes.

Reading Books

Reading books are changed once every week. Your child should be reading at home with you for 5-10 minutes every evening. Please write comments in the reading record books concerning your child's reading. It is advisable to consider whether your child:

- Reads fluently- through segmenting and blending
- Understands the text

Please ensure that the book is returned to their book bag and sent to school on a **daily basis**.

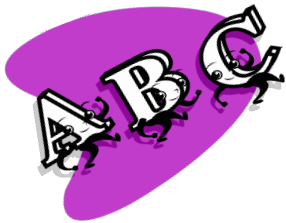




Curriculum

This half term we are learning:

- **Phonics** - Identifying letter sounds, blending and segmenting words, ready books to increase comprehension and fluency.
- **English** - The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch
- **Maths** - Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, measurement-length, height, mass and volume,
- **Science** - Materials
- **Computing** - Digital text
- **RE** - Special places
- **Geography:** Coastlines / Lighthouse
- **DT:** Constructing a lighthouse
- **PSHE/SEAL** - Feeling and Emotion
- **Handwriting** - Practising correct letter and number formation.
- **Spellings** - Learning to read and write new words.



Please visit the Year 1 class pages on the school website to view news and events related to your child's learning.

Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through the **Behaviour Ladder System**, which is in place for the whole school. Hard work and good behaviour is celebrated in school assemblies by using Bravo and Achievement cards. The school uses a range of reward systems (certificates, prizes and school assemblies). Please encourage your child to try their best throughout this year.



Homework

Children will have homework given out on Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. It is expected that homework set must be completed.

Year 1 children will receive the following homework:

- Home reading/ Phonics - 10 minutes daily
- Maths -MyMaths
- Spelling (children will be tested on these and a record kept to monitor their progress)
- Project based homework - termly



Homework is issued as a means of consolidating and reinforcing the work covered during the week in class. It also provides an ideal opportunity for parents to work with their child at home.

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. In the spring term, we have exciting opportunities for children, such an educational trip to a mosque, PSHE lessons 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 (fruits, yoghurt, wrap, sandwich, juice/water, etc). As we are a Nut Free School, please ensure that your child's packed lunch contains no nuts or traces of nuts. Please could parents ensure that the school office is aware of any serious allergies that your child may have.



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,
Year 1 Lead- Ms F Kerr
Class Frank Lampard - Miss M Aktar,
Class Lewis Hamilton - Mrs N Sissila