



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



We are delighted to welcome all the children back to school after the half-term break. Our topic for the Spring 2nd half is London, and particularly, the Great Fire of London. Learning more about the capital city, following on from Paddington, the children will become familiar with one of the most infamous stories in London's history. This is a very exciting subject and that we are sure the children will be really enthusiastic about as they continue to learn and progress through the year.



**Year 2 teaching staff:**

Class David Beckham      Ms Hussain

Class Zinedine Zidane      Mr Rahman

**Senior Lead**      Mr Rasem



**Year 2 support staff:** TAs: Eman and Miss Miller



### 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 on 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 **Monday 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** - Raven Boy and The Great Fire of London

**Reading** - Raven Boy (Fiction) and The Great Fire of London (Non-fiction)

**Maths** - Fractions and Data

**Science** - Materials

**RE** - Celebrating special events

**History** - The Fire of London

**PE** - Dance (Indoor PE)

Dynamic Balance and Agility (Outdoor PE).

**Computing** - Animals

**Art/DT** - Jacobean houses, Bakeries and The Great Fire of London

**Phonics** - Set sounds and Comprehension.

## 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, 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 all of the words?** Please ensure all books are kept in your child's bag and that they are returned to school on the required day. Any late book bags will not be changed that week.



### **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.

### **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.

### **Cultural Capital**

There will be many fun and engaging activities over the half term including celebrating World Book Day with a day of Reading related activities, Science Week which will include some very exciting experiments and events, as well as trips linked to RE and our London topic.



### **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,

The Year 2 Team