



# Spring 1 2023 Newsletter Year 3

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to welcome you back to school after the Christmas 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 3 teaching staff:

Class Muhammad Ali      Mrs Rahman  
Class Bobby Charlton      Mr Rogers



## Year 3 Senior Leader:

Mr Rogers

## Year 3 support staff:

Ms Kim, Mrs Londo and Ms Tina

## 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 **Tuesdays** 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

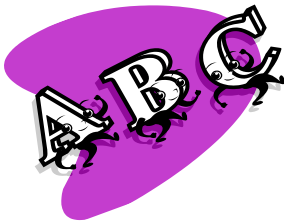




### Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

- **Reading** - I Survived The Destruction Of Pompeii, 79AD.
- **Literacy** - Writing a diary entry and descriptive writing.
- **Maths** - Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter
- **Science** - Forces
- **Geography** - Understanding how volcanoes are formed and the process of eruption.
- **RE** - Prayer in different religions.
- **Art** - Why do people pray?
- **PE** - Dynamic balance and gymnastics.
- **PSHE** - Grief.
- **Music** - Composing using your imagination.
- **Computing** - Networks and digital footprints.
- **French** - Learning fruit names.



### 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 a Violet Volcanoes Exhibition and working with Anthony Glenn to perform a Shakespeare play.

### 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 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.





### 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.



### 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 3 Team