



Autumn 2 2023 Newsletter EYFS

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS



Dear Parents/Carers,

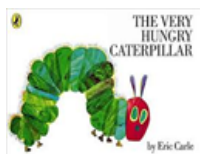
Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. We have another busy term with lots happening, so please continue to keep looking at the class notice boards for up to date information.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled. We have many children in the classes and they are all wearing the same clothes!

Book Bags

All Reception children must bring their Book Bags into class every day. This is because we read with the children on a regular basis. PLEASE, BOOK BAGS EVERYDAY!



Water bottles

In order to maintain personal hygiene, please provide your child with a water bottle, with their name clearly marked, to use in class every day. We are unable to provide cups.



Homework

Homework for all of our Early Years pupils is daily reading at home for ten minutes. This is essential to develop focus and concentration, language and a love of reading. Please ensure that you are writing comments in their Reading Records, as this helps us to understand what is going well or how we could better support you.

We also send phonic sheets home to enable you to practise the new sounds we are learning, as well as how to write the letters correctly. At this stage it is essential that young children learn how to correctly write the sounds as this will benefit them as they move onto joined-up writing.

This term Reception children will also bring a spelling sheet home to practise some of the words we are learning in our phonic lessons.

Supporting your child by spending some time practising these will aid your child's confidence and ability to develop their independently writing.





Phonics in Reception

All the children are making progress in learning their sounds in phonics. Some children are even beginning to blend the sounds together e.g c-a-t = cat. We have split the classes into three groups and they will be learning at the appropriate speed for them.

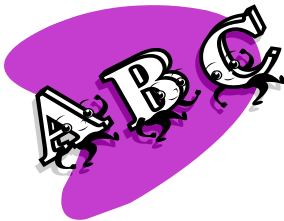
In order to demonstrate how we teach phonics all reception parents will shortly be invited to visit us and watch a lesson.

Outdoor Learning



In Early Years, we always try to get some outdoor learning happening, as this is an integral aspect of our curriculum. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather because they will be going outside unless the weather is extremely bad. You can bring wellington boots to leave in class, in order to protect their shoes from getting wet, for them to wear outside but please make sure the bags and boots have their name inside.

Reception PE



This term we will be starting PE and your child will need to come to school dressed for PE on the appropriate days. PE kit consists of a white polo top, navy/grey/black trousers, school jumper and trainers (plain colours please and no flashing lights). Class Pine's PE day will be Fridays and class Apple's day will be Thursdays.

Cultural Capital

Over this term we will be visiting the Library again, visiting a place of worship and doing some cooking.

Independence



In EYFS we support the children to become independent learners. **Please take the time to encourage children to dress themselves - especially when putting on, taking off and hanging up their jumpers and coats.** Children in Reception should be working on doing up their own zips/buttons/poppers on their coat at home please.



2 Year olds

We are very happy to see our two year olds settled and enjoying their time in the Saplings room

Tapestry

We use an electronic recording system, Tapestry, to monitor progress here at Downsell Primary. This allows parents to view their child's learning journey. Please let us know if you have any issues accessing your account.



Reception Booster Classes

Next week we will be starting a Phonics and EAL booster clubs for reception children after school on Thursdays, 3.30 to 4.00pm. We have invited children that would benefit from some additional support, so please sign the consent forms if you have received one. This is a great opportunity for the children to further develop their skills please do not waste it.



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.

Reminders

- ❖ School registers starts at 8.50am.
- ❖ Greet your child with a smile not a mobile!



We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education. Please speak to one of us if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

The Early Years Team

