

Dear Parent/Carers,

Congratulations - you have completed your first week at home!

Downs View hasn't been the same without you all but we hope you have enjoyed some quality family time together.

The school has remained open this week for emergency childcare for keyworkers. Due to the decreasing number of key workers needing childcare, as of today for next week and the Easter holidays the school will be CLOSED with childcare for key workers being provided by Kennington Academy. Downs View staff will be supporting Kennington as required.

A huge thank you to my amazing staff team who have worked together to provide quality childcare and support to key workers and families.

If a key worker's situation changes and childcare is required, you should contact office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call 07884866105 to make further arrangements.

It's been great to hear from some of you about your successes this week.

We have decided the stars of the week are:

EVERY child of every class!!
(And you as parent/carers for your support)

We are missing the face to face contact with you as I am sure your children are too. Therefore each team have a special message for you below. We are exploring ways of recording staff through safe mediums so that your children can see friendly staff faces soon... watch this space! We will be uploading more and more useful websites and home learning on the website too.

As mentioned in our guide yesterday, we are available via email or telephone (details above) if you need support. These will be checked regularly along with your year group email addresses where you can communicate with your year group teams.

Meanwhile, take care and keep safe.

Mrs Kent

Message from year 2 team:

Hello Year 2!

We hope you are all having fun at home with your families. Last week we gave you some reading comprehension activities to do, we hope you enjoyed them. Here are some more activities that you can do at home with your grown-ups.

Reading- Go onto <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and choose an e-book of your choice based on your reading colour. Parents you can create an account for free and there are lots of books to choose from. There are also some storytelling videos to choose from which are great bed time stories!

English-

Create a shape poem about something of your choice. A shape poem is a form of poetry where the format is shaped around the content of the poem. This could be spring related like animals or flowers. You can find some templates

here <https://www.enchantedlearning.com/poetry/shapepoems/>

Maths-

We have been learning how to tell the time so you could play <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/hickoryDickory/> to practise what we have learnt. We have already learnt o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past the hour. Could you explore 5 minute intervals which we haven't learnt yet?

Geography-

Can you create a 3D map of your choice? Don't forget to include human and physical features.

Phonics/SPaG-

Can you practise spelling the year 1 and year 2 common exception words? The list of these can be found on our website or can be Googled. You can practise these in any way you like, you can be creative.

Art- can you do some observational drawings? There are lots of beautiful flowers coming out now I wonder if you could draw some of them?

PE-can you complete a Joe Wicks workout at least twice next week? They can be found on his YouTube channel. Or you could go for a walk with a grown-up.

Messages from Year 2 teachers:

Mrs Garton:

Hello Year 2, hello to all the amazing Penguins! I miss you all and hope you're enjoying spending quality time with your families. Whilst at home I have been reading more than I usually do. It has been lovely to read a good book! I wonder which books you have been reading? Unfortunately I haven't been able to continue reading to you Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone so I wonder if you are able to watch the film at home with your family? You could then design your own Hogwarts cloak with the crest you designed on your apron. Hope to see you very soon! Mrs Garton

Mrs Little:

Hello Year 2! I am missing you all lots . I have been busy at home and feeling particularly proud of myself because I successfully baked 2 cakes with my boys. I usually leave cake baking to their Granny but we decided to give it a go and managed to make a yummy banana loaf and an apple cake for us to share during their learning breaks. I also have a challenge for you... can you either read or watch on YouTube "We're Going on a Bear Hunt?" <https://youtu.be/Ogyl6ykDwds> It is my all time favourite story book! I was wondering if you could use your imagination to go on a hunt for something, it might be a bear, a dragon, a unicorn or even a yeti! Where will you go and what will you do if you find it? You could act out your adventure or even write about it. I'd love to see some drawings of your adventure too. See you soon, from Mrs Little.

Mrs Collins

A very big hello from Mrs Collins. I hope you are all well and keeping busy. I have been into school and it is very quiet without you all. I missed seeing all your smiling faces and the sound of laughter and chatting down the corridor.

I too have a challenge for Year 2. Polar Bear class love to play board games so please could you make a review of any board games that you play that you think would be good for us to have in school so that I can see which ones to get for Year 2. Thanks a lot for your help. Mrs Collins.

Miss Stanley

Hi Polar Bears! We have created an at home exercise room in our evenings, who needs the gym now! I have been entertaining a 2 year old who now loves exercise from watching Joe Wicks every day! Have you been watching his YouTube channel? From Miss Stanley.

Don't forget to ask any questions or share successes with us on:

Year2@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Have a great week. See you soon!