

Dear Parent/Carers

We hope you had a great week. We understand that this probably feels unusual for you all. We hope you and your children have been keeping safe. We hope you have continued to keep busy and enjoy the videos and challenges set on our Facebook page or within our newsletter sent last week. Please remember to let us know what you have been doing and how you have been getting on with the challenges set, using the year group email: reception@downs-view.kent.sch.uk. Look out over the weekend for an Easter story read by myself! Other challenges and information from different staff will be shared next week. We are working on a surprise for you all and hope we can share this soon. Watch this space!

Keep doing the brilliant job you are doing as a parent/carer. We realise this can be challenging at times and therefore hope that if everybody continues to follow the rules set by the Government that this lockdown will end soon and we can see you back in school where we will be with big smiles and open arms!

We may be in isolation but you are not alone. Please remember if you need support or advice, refer to our support guide sent a few weeks ago or contact office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call Sam our FLO on **07884866105**. These are checked regularly. All of the staff are keeping themselves busy but do not stop thinking of you all

We know these holidays and Easter for those celebrating will be a little unusual but we do hope you will enjoy some family time together in your home this weekend.

Keep strong- please continue to take care and stay safe.

Mrs Kent and the Downs View team

From The Reception Team:

Hello again to all EYFS parents and Happy Easter! We hope you are continuing to stay safe and well! The EYFS team are well and still missing seeing you. Please don't stop sending the emails showing some fun activities that you have been doing as they have continued to make us smile!

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to complete some of the activities we put on the website last week. Here are a few more things you can do this week;

Phonics / Writing: Write the phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs in pre cursive. Can you recall each sound? Now use a cotton bud to paint them using pre-cursive script. Please remember to start on the line as you write each one. You could write them in chalk on the path outside and place pebbles or natural objects on your mark making to recreate the letter shapes.

English / Technology: Now you have seen Mrs Smith and Miss Ball read a story to you, see if you can read a story to a friend or relative. Maybe you could ask a grown up to video you and share it with your family or if your grown up says with us!

Maths: Wash out some empty bottles. Put numbers onto the empty bottles and see if you can put the correct number of objects into each numbered bottle. Remember we have been thinking about numbers to 20. As a challenge see if you can put the things into the bottles using tweezers!

Physical Development: See if you can complete the challenges set by Miss Thorogood that we have put on our Facebook site.

Music and Creative - Use junk materials at home to make your own musical instruments i.e. a cereal box, kitchen roll tube and rubber bands make a great guitar! See if you can then sing along to your favourite song whilst playing your musical instrument!



Science: Can you find a recipe to follow? (Chocolate Easter nests from cereal and chocolate are great at this time of year!) Look carefully at the ingredients prior to mixing them together / coking. How do they change? What does it taste like once made? What does it feel like? What does it smell like?

Geography: Hide a piece of treasure (maybe an Easter Egg) either in the garden or in the house. Create a treasure map so that someone else can use it to find the hidden treasure.

Messages from EYFS teachers:

Mrs Smith - This week I have been busy sorting out the garden. I have managed to sort out all the pots and managed to finally plant the rose that Olivia and Benjamin bought me for Mother's Day! I have also been reading lots and some days don't want to put the book that I am reading down! I have continued with my daily dog walks and have been teaching Olivia and Benjamin to play tennis in the back garden!

Miss Cossey - This week I have been going for walks in the woods near my house with my sister and dog Honey. I have been completing Joe Wick's daily PE lessons with my Mum. I've also been cooking delicious new recipes. I wonder if you have made anything recently?

Miss Ball - This week I have spent time in the garden, making a log store, jumping on the trampoline for exercise (and fun too) and finally painted my fence. I've spent some time doing some research and have carried on doing some courses online. I've also had fun putting together the Downs View story time videos, have you seen them? I've also been doing some baking and made a scrummy apple crumble!

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!