

Dear Parent/carers,

Wow! Week 4 is coming to an end - praise yourselves for all you have achieved with your children. This is an unique time for us all so please take each day at a time and set your child small achievable goals, praising them and yourselves when they are achieved. We have loved the regular feedback, notes and pictures which many of you are sending in. Keep these coming in. We will try to publish or acknowledge as many of these as we can.

We hope you enjoyed the surprise dance from many Downs View staff. We were impressed with the amount of likes and shares which it received. A little bit of fun which clearly brought positive vibes to your children. There have been more challenges and stories too which we hope you have continued to enjoy! Downs View staff are very creative and are already working on more surprises for next week. Watch this space!

Below is the weekly newsletter from your team with more ideas for the week. There will be many more ideas on the website from Monday too for you to use at home. Please try to complete at least one learning activity at home per day and keep up Reading with or to your child daily.

Finally remember: 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](mailto: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!

**Best wishes**  
**Mrs Kent**

From EYFS:

Hello again to all EYFS parents and children! We hope you are continuing to stay safe and well! The EYFS teams continues to be well and are still missing seeing you. Please continue to send the emails showing some fun activities and home learning 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. This week's idea comes from some creative home learning that was sent to me from Evie in Owl class. Together they pegged different phonemes and digraphs on their washing line (written on paper) and then as a grown up called out a sound Evie then used her water squirter to squirt the correct sound. Thanks Evie for that amazing idea!



**English:** Make a time capsule of all the things that you have been doing whilst the school is shut and plan to open it in five or ten years time. There is a time capsule booklet you can use if you need it on our website.

**Maths:** Consolidate number bonds to 10. Put 10 objects in the whole. Move some into the first part i.e.6. How many have you got left to go in the second part i.e. 4. Record the number sentence you have created i.e. 6 add 4 equal 10, or 4 add 6 combine to make 10.

**Physical Development:** During your daily exercise time see if you can throw and catch a ball with a partner 10 times.

**Creative and Technology:** Make your own telephone from junk materials. Place the numbers on your phone in the correct order. Then use this telephone to role-play calling someone. You can then ask and answer questions. Remember to use your manners and telephone voice!

**Science:** Take your grown ups back to their youth by collecting petals and other smelly natural objects from the garden or whilst on a walk. Place them in an old container and create your own potion / perfume! Write down the ingredients that you used. What did it smell like? What ingredients would you change / add if you were to make it again?

**Art:** Whilst on your daily walk collect some natural objects. Come back and make them into a piece of transient art.



#### **Messages from EYFS teachers:**

**Mrs Smith** - This week I have started a new book and although I am enjoying it at the moment it doesn't seem to have gripped me quite like the first one but I will persevere! I have been baking lots and like Miss Ball used up my bananas I left in school to make banana and chocolate chip bread! I have also been perfecting my dancing skills with my dog Callie (Hollie didn't want to get involved) and hopefully you saw us on the Downs View Facebook site sharing our moves!

**Miss Cossey** - This week I have been practicing my yoga skills and going on lots of runs and walks with my family. Watch out for my story on Facebook that I recorded whilst on my wood walk! Can you notice anything different about me when you watch my story?

**Miss Ball** - This week I have used up some bananas to make yummy banana bread, it was good that the bananas didn't go to waste! I also enjoyed the sunny weather and finally got around to reading a book that I had started a few months ago. I'm really enjoying it. I also had the task of putting together all of the clips of the staff dancing to Can't Stop the Feeling. Have you seen it yet? It brought a massive smile to my face hopefully it made you smile too!

**Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!**