

Dear Parent/carers,

I hope you have had a good week and all keeping safe and well. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions which we have received about the home learning which we are providing.

I would like to remind you that all of the ideas we send do not have to be completed at a set time or within a time scale. The topic learning grids which are on our website give you a range of different activities so if you are not sure where to start, please look here first. All of the other lists of activities, sheets or websites are for you and your child to use when you can. If you can complete at least one activity per day which may be a story, baking a cake, playing a game, going on a scavenger hunt etc. then you are doing well. Remember the life skills are as key as the academic skills.

Finally: 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!

Best wishes

Mrs Kent

From the Reception team:

Hello again to all EYFS parents and children! We hope you are continuing to stay safe and well! We all miss you so much! 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! Look out for a personal email from us next week!

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

Phonics / Writing: Make two sets of the phonemes a-z. Place all the vowels in the middle. Place one set to the right of the vowels, one set to the left of the vowels so that you have three piles. Turn over one phoneme from each pile. Can you blend to read the pseudo (not real) words? Did you manage to make any real words?

English: Go onto the website www.oxfordowl.co.uk and read the book **An Odd Bug (found in red level section)**. Think about these questions while you are reading. Where did Max and Ant go? Who else went in? What jumps out of the twigs? Can you describe the bug that they found? Why was Nok fun?

Maths: Use two dice to create your own part-part-wholes. Roll dice number one and place this number in the first part. Roll the second dice and place this number in the second part. How many have you got altogether? Don't forget you can use your toys to be the manipulatives to help you solve the number problem.

Physical Development: Borrow Mum's tweezers and see if you can transfer small items from one bowl into another.

Creative If you have not already had a try at Mrs Little's Facebook environmental art challenge have a go! Look at the work by Andy Goldsworthy and while you are on your walk collect some natural objects and see if you can make a piece of transient art!

Science: Have a go at the scavenger hunt from Mrs Garton on our Facebook page. How many of the things did you manage to spot? Were some more tricky than others? Please let us know.

Messages from EYFS teachers:

Mrs Smith - This week I have been getting back into home learning with my children. I have started to find out lots of information about the Romans! In the garden, as a family (using Mr Smith's carpentry skills) we have made a bike ramp so that when we are having our daily exercise using our bikes is a little more fun!

Miss Cossey - This week I have been cooking healthy dinners for my family and I. I wonder what delicious foods you have been eating? Have you tried anything new? I have been going on beautiful walks with my Dad and I have seen lots of different animals, plants and trees. What have you seen on your walks?

Miss Ball - This week I have been taking part in an online course all about computing, getting some ideas for teaching you all about coding. I have also been on a couple of walks in the beautiful bluebell woods at the bottom of my garden and have continued to bake some different cakes.

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!