

Dear Parent/Carers

We hope you had a great second week. Downs View school has been very quiet without the Downs View community. We hope you have risen to some of the challenges which we set last week and enjoyed the activities, including the first story read by Mrs Smith on our Facebook page. There will be more stories and challenges next week-please watch out on our website and on our Facebook page. We realise officially you have started the Easter holidays but do try to at least one activity every day. Please share any successes you have with us via the year group email address.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Kent and the Downs View team

From the Reception team:

Hello again to all EYFS parents!

We hope you are continuing to stay safe and well! The EYFS team are still missing seeing you everyday but the emails that you have been sharing of your home learning have been making us smile and showing us how much fun you have been having whilst learning at the same time!

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

Phonics / Writing: Draw three circles on the ground. Place a sound in each circle. Your grown up is to say a sound. Can you jump into the correct circle and say the sound as you jump in it? Can you think of a word with that sound in it? Can you put the word into a verbal sentence? Challenge: Can you write the sentence that you have just said?

English: Making a writing tray from glitter, sand, shaving foam and practise forming your letters in pre cursive script.

Maths: Play a board game with a family member. Can you carefully count the number of spaces you need to move each time? Do you recognise the numerals on the board? How many spots are on the dice?

Also have a look at <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

As this supports the mastery Maths that we follow within school.

Physical Development: Get out in the garden/outside and set up an obstacle course using items such as string to balance along, a garden chair to crawl under, some objects to weave in and out of and finish by throwing a ball into a bucket!

Music - Learn a song with the Makaton signs. Have a look on Youtube for 'Singing Hands'.

Remember you must always ask a grown up when you go online. Don't forget they could learn it with you!

Science: Hide an object in a box. Can you use your senses to try and guess what the object is? Can you talk about what it feels, smells, sounds, tastes like?

Art: Whilst on your daily walk or when in the garden collect some leaves and have a go at threading them together using string.

Messages from EYFS teachers:

Mrs Smith - This week I have been continuing to join in with Jo Wickes daily PE lesson and taking my dogs for a walk. I have been doing my own research and am taking part in some online learning. I have really enjoyed reading stories to both my children and have even continued to read some more Greek myths! I have also been baking now that I have some flour and believe it or not have successfully baked chocolate brownies and made a delicious apple and pear crumble!! (Owls you will know that this is a major achievement for Mrs Smith!)

Miss Cossey - This week I have been on jogs with my dog Honey, started reading a book and I have been learning a dance with my sister!

Miss Ball - This week I have been doing some online learning myself as well as helping my stepson with his home learning. I took part in a webinar learning from a teacher all the way in America. I've been so busy I haven't yet had a chance to pick up my flute but I'm going to try this coming week to have a go, and set aside some time to read a good book.

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!