

### **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: [year1@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:year1@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](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

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 Year 1 Team:**

Hi year 1!

We are all really missing seeing your smiley faces around school but hope you are taking the opportunity to spend lots of quality time with your families and enjoy the sunshine!

It has been great to see/hear from lots of you through the year 1 email again this week. Please keep communicating with us through this and if you haven't already then please send us updates. We would love to hear from you!

**Miss Thorogood** has had lots of children take up her active PE challenge with everyone so far managing to beat her scores! Well done – there is still time to do this or keep repeating this to beat your scores!

This week all of the year 1 teachers have kept themselves busy too. Here is what they have been up to...

**Miss Thorogood** - This week I have started watching all of the Harry Potter films from the beginning. I have also got a games compendium and am trying to play all 100 games! Have you played any good games? Maybe you could make up your own board game and write out the rules?

**Mrs Hunt** - this week I have been enjoying dog walking with my dog Ruby, particularly

through the woods where all of the bluebells are all starting to appear. She's really enjoying having us all around and getting a good walk every day. I have also been tidying up my garden, pulling out weeds, pruning and planting some new seeds. I then enjoyed looking at all my hard work by enjoying my first BBQ of the year.

**Mr Horne** - This week I have painted the wall of my 'man cave' and cleaned the car. I have read 4 books the last one was an autobiography. Could you write an autobiography about yourself? You could find out lots of information about yourself as a baby.

**Mrs Norman** - I have got around to painting the skirting boards in the kitchen and dining room. We have also been busy baking Easter biscuits and brownies- and trying to decorate them carefully. It's been lovely enjoying the sunshine in the garden and we've managed to have a tidy up and chop down some branches and weeds.

Here are some more activities you could try this week. We hope you have a lovely Easter! 🐰

**Phonics** - Can you use the tricky word mat from the front of your home learning books and put them into a hopscotch with chalk outside. Can you say the words as you land on them? There is also a new phonics board game on the website you could print out and play with your grown-ups. Or you could make your own one in the garden with chalk or on paper.

**Maths** - Can you practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s? Maybe you could use the door numbers from your daily walks to help you. Which ones do you say when you count in 2s, 5s or 10s?

**Reading** - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> Don't forget to keep reading at home. You can use this website or read magazines, recipes or even signs whilst on your daily walk. Authors are regularly putting live streams of their books on you tube. Ask your grown up to search for these for you to watch safely.

**Science** - Now that we are fully into Spring can you observe the seasonal changes? Maybe you could create a spring painting or picture. What do you notice about the environment around you? How is the weather different?

**Art/DT** - Have you seen Mrs Hunt's challenge on the DV Facebook page? Can you use any recycling you have around the house to create your own 3D Easter bunny? Don't forget he needs two floppy ears and a tail! Maybe you could make some 3D Easter eggs for him to hide too.

**PE** - Mr Neville who has been in school working with some of the children helping them to be active works for a company called PASS. They have some daily workouts and PE lessons you can take part in on their website. There are also weekly challenges you can enter. <https://www.passltd.org>

**RE** - Can you research and find out why Christians celebrate Easter? You could create your own storyboard or write out what you find.