

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 Year 1 team

Hello Year 1!

We hope you are all keeping safe and enjoying enjoying new ways of learning. Did you manage to have a go at Mrs Garton's Scavenger hunt on your daily walk? Did anyone manage to find the bonus point? As lockdown continues we have been busy adding extra resources to the website and special videos and challenges continue to come your way. We'd love to hear how you're getting on and what you've been up to. We have thought of some more fun activities for you to have a go at home:

Phonics – Can you use practise your tricky words? Write 10 in chalk outside or on different pieces of paper inside. Your grown up has to say one and you have to zap the word with the water hose/ watering can or ball? See how quickly you can eliminate all the words! Here are some to get you started: saw, come, said, people....

English – Have you managed to create a story in a box? Check out Mrs Norman's example on Facebook! Can you write a couple of sentences to retell the story? Remember to add finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Can you amaze us by including some adjectives?

Maths – Practise Addition: Can you set up a shop? Label the items with amounts up to 20p. Have a go at purchasing two objects at a time and working out the answer. If you want an extra challenge you could have a go at adding 3 objects at one time.

Science– Can you find out more about the human body? watch the video on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgyycdm/articles/zqhbr82> See if you can complete the labelling activity and quiz afterwards! You might also like to create a poster with the new information you have learnt.

ICT/ Computing- Did you see Mrs Bennetts amazing singing performance of Bare Necessities? Could you video yourself performing? It could be singing too, a dance or perhaps a sporting activity you are good at? We'd love to see you and it would be good practise with creating a video.

Reading - Don't forget to carry on reading! There are lots of free online books you can try too on www.oxfordowl.co.uk Can you have a go at reading '**Plants for dinner.**'

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/26361.html> Can you answer these questions?

1. On page 3 which page would you turn to for information about fruit?
2. On page 11 what words are used to describe the different types of leaves?
3. On page 15 what do all fruits have in them?
4. On page 20 why did Dad say they would have lots of different parts of plants for dinner?
5. On page 23 there are some more questions for you to answer.

We're all missing you and trying to keep ourselves busy. Alongside our home learning here are a few things we've been up to:

Miss Thorogood has been busy this week starting some home improvements. She decided to start re- decorating a spare bedroom! She has also started to make her own Macrame hanging pot holder. It was difficult to begin with but she has not given up and is getting the hang of it now. She has also been editing a video for you to practise your phonic sounds at home. She knows how much Dolphin class like to do this in school so soon you will be able to at home! She has enjoyed reading all of your lovely emails you have been sending and even had a video message this week! Please keep them coming!

Mrs Hunt has celebrated her daughters 7th birthday. It was very different doing it all at home without family and friends. We made the best of it though by having a Zoom party online with lots of people who all sang 'Happy Birthday' to her. We also put up our tent in the garden. We then had a BBQ, played some games and made a fire to roast marshmallows on. Sleeping in the tent for the night was a little chilly and uncomfortable but great fun!

Mrs Norman has been busy trying to keep her toddler and 1 year old entertained. We decided to make a zip line for the teddies to zoom down using coat hangers. Her son loves super heroes so we also made capes for the teddies to wear out of paper. Mrs Norman is trying to stay healthy and is beginning to get back into running. She is still building up her stamina and pace but is pleased to have made a start again. Although there is still some Easter chocolate to be eaten which she cannot resist!

Take care and stay safe.