

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

A message from the Year 1 team

Hello Year 1!

We hope you have had a good week and enjoyed the sunshine. A huge well done to all of Year 1 for continuing with your home learning this past week. We've seen and heard some excellent efforts have taken place!

We have spotted lots of rainbow and sunshine pictures on windows too so very well done. Below are some more ideas for activities you can have a go at completing. Remember to look out for Miss Thorogood's PE challenge video on Facebook soon. Do not forget the creative Home Learning we sent out on the last day- all linked to our Topic next term: 'Be our Guest.'

Phonics – Can you use these sounds to make up your own real and pseudo words? Thinking about the alternate sounds? ai, a, ay, igh, i_e, ea, ee? you could also play this Obb and Bob game on Phonics Play: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html> Focusing on phase 4 or 5.

English - Pick your favourite Disney book/ film. Who is your favourite character? Can you choose one and write a description of them? You could create it as a poster and put it up in your window for everyone to see. Remember to think about their appearance and personality. If you want a real challenge- can you include a simile?

Maths – Shape hunt. On your daily walk can you spot different 2D and 3D shapes? Perhaps you could draw what you see or take photographs. Which shapes did you find? Was there one that was the most popular?

Design Technology/ Computing – Can you find an Easter recipe to follow and make? Please take lots of photographs and send them to us...and don't forget to enjoy the outcome!

Art- Can you create an Easter bonnet ready for next weekend? Maybe you could some ideas from a spring walk to draw or create using tissue paper or paint? We'd love to see some great creations!

Reading – Please remember to carry on reading! There are lots of free online books you can try too on www.oxfordowl.co.uk They have fun activities to try once you've read them too.

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:

Mr Horne has managed to mow the lawn, tidy the shed and clean his windows!

Miss Thorogood has been trying to stay fit and healthy by completing some HITT workouts on her garden. She's also managed to rearrange her wedding and has a new exciting date in place!

Mrs Hunt has been busy baking cupcakes, cookies and flapjacks, she's trying hard not to eat them all but is struggling!

Mrs Norman has managed to start a vegetable patch with her toddler- he found lots of worms and wanted to keep them as pets! We're looking forward to watching the vegetables grow. We've also been busy helping friends and family with food shopping.

We hope you enjoy the new activities, stay active but most importantly keep safe and we'll see you soon!