

Dear Parent/carers,

Wow! Week 4 is coming to an end – praise yourselves for all you have achieved with your children. This is an unique time for us all so please take each day at a time and set your child small achievable goals, praising them and yourselves when they are achieved. We have loved the regular feedback, notes and pictures which many of you are sending in. Keep these coming in. We will try to publish or acknowledge as many of these as we can.

We hope you enjoyed the surprise dance from many Downs View staff. We were impressed with the amount of likes and shares which it received. A little bit of fun which clearly brought positive vibes to your children. There have been more challenges and stories too which we hope you have continued to enjoy! Downs View staff are very creative and are already working on more surprises for next week. Watch this space!

Below is the weekly newsletter from your team with more ideas for the week. There will be many more ideas on the website from Monday too for you to use at home. Please try to complete at least one learning activity at home per day and keep up Reading with or to your child daily.

Finally remember: 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

Hi Year 2!!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter weekend with your families and enjoyed some Easter Eggs. We have loved seeing many of your Andy Goldsworthy style art creations you have sent us. Mrs Little is very proud!

Here is what the teachers have been up to:

Mrs Garton

Hi Year 2! Over the past week I have read 2 books whilst enjoying my garden! It's been lovely to get away from the screen of my laptop or tv and have some quiet time. Have you been reading lots too? I hope so! I also made a delicious white chocolate cheesecake. Did you bake any Easter treats?

My cat has also enjoyed being outside more although she's been a bit cheeky and gone over the fence into my neighbour's house! Cheeky Nala!

From Mrs Garton

Mrs Little

Hello Year 2!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. I ate a bit too much chocolate so am making sure to remember my daily exercise! This week I have got my sewing machine out and have been busy making things. Charlie and I even made a blue, silky bow tie and a pirate bandana for

our dog Obi! You all impressed me so much when you made your aprons I wondered if you might like to have a go at sewing something. You could make a draw string bag from an old pillow case, a hair scrunchie or even learn how to sew buttons on! If you don't fancy sewing maybe you could design me some more clothes for my dog!

Bye for now!

Mrs Little.

Miss Stanley

Hello Year 2,

I hope you all have a good Easter and enjoyed the chocolate that comes with it! I know I have! This week we have enjoyed some Easter baking, although Albie ate more of the ingredients than he put in! We enjoyed a lovely lamb roast on Easter Sunday in the beautiful sunshine, one of my favourite meals. I wonder whether you could draw out your favourite meal and maybe help your grown up cook or prepare it one evening over the next week? I wonder whether your meal could include a piece of food from each of the food groups we have learnt about in Science?

Take care everyone,

Miss Stanley

Mrs Collins

Dear Year 2,

I hope you are all well and having fun in the sun! This week I have been keeping busy doing more jobs in my garden, it is looking lovely. I have also made a rhubarb crumble which was delicious. I am still waiting for Mr. Collins to make his dessert; I don't think he can make his mind up on what to make! Maybe you could suggest some desserts that he may like to make or bake a cake/biscuits with a grown up at home. My daughter has also been challenging me to games on the Wii, I have to say when I started playing I didn't do very well but I have persevered and have improved. Is there something that you have achieved/done this week and are really proud of? Please let us know. I hope you all have a good week and enjoy the challenges set by the Year 2 teachers.

Mrs Collins

Here are some at home activities for you to have a go at:

Maths-

Can you play shops? Create a shop at home using different household items and give them a price. Can you choose/draw the money you would need to pay for an item? Can you add 2 items together? Can you calculate change from a £5/£10/£20 note?

English-

Can you read/listen to Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'? Mr and Mrs Twit aren't very nice characters at all! They spend all their time planning and carrying out evil tricks on each other. Here is an audio of the whole story <https://youtu.be/EgppUh8ukZ8> At 6 minutes Mrs Twit plays a trick with her glass eye. To pay her back he puts a frog in her bed. If you watch it until 9 minutes and 30 seconds, you'll see both tricks. You can watch more if you would like even more ideas! Can you draw a trick that either Mr or Mrs Twit could do? Can you write

your trick? Don't forget to use capital letters, conjunctions (and, so, but, because, that, which) and adjectives to make it interesting.

Phonics-

Can you practise reading alternate digraphs? <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/odd-and-bob?phase=5>

Odd and Bob- Phase 5. Click on any sound or revise all if you want a challenge. Choose whether a word is a fake (Odd) or real (Bob) word by dragging it to the correct alien.

Reading-

Can you read a book at home either one that you have or from <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> and write a book review. Can you write down the title, author, star rating out of 5, your favourite part of the book and whether you would recommend it to a friend or not.

Science-

We know how much you all love Science experiments. Can you complete one from <https://theimaginationtree.com/science-experiments-for-kids/>

We particularly like the dyed flower Science experiment here-

<https://theimaginationtree.com/dyed-flowers-science-experiment/> You could then draw the changes that have happened.

Art-

As you loved completing Mrs Little's art challenge we have thought carefully about another artist you could be inspired by at home. Can you research and create a piece of art inspired by Andy Warhol? <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-andy-warhol>. Here are some ideas you could do-

<https://www.redtedart.com/mixed-media-andy-warhol-portraits-with-kids/>

<https://www.redtedart.com/handprint-pop-art-activity-andy-warhol/>

Music-

Can you create your own percussion instrument? Here is an idea but you can make any that you'd like. <https://youtu.be/ZJk1h7uUAvo> this is how to make a rain stick. Can you compose and perform a piece of music using your instrument? Could your grown up record it and send it to us? Can you make more than one instrument and create a family band?