

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and despite the change in weather are still keeping those spirits high. I hope you have received an email from your child's class teacher. Please send a reply to say hello or to send some news or learning completed at home.

As many of you are aware we have a Facebook page which we regularly put videos or challenges from staff on. You do not have to have a Facebook account to access this. Please search via a search engine and you should find it! Yesterday phonics videos of staff showing actions for phonics in phases 2, 3 and 5 have been uploaded to support you at home with consolidating these sounds. Enjoy!

I am sure that many of you are like us all, are desperate to know if your child will be back before September. We have to wait for the Government updates for this and keep hopeful that this will be soon. We want to reassure you that staff are preparing a range of activities which will support you and your child with moving on to the next year group. We hope this will be face to face but if this is not possible, there will be a range of virtual activities which will be able access at home. We will do all we can to make sure that your child has closure for this year and celebrate their achievements before moving onto their next class.

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](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!

Take care and stay safe!

I hope to see your smiley faces again very soon!!!

Mrs Kent

Hello again to all EYFS parents and children! We hope you are continuing to stay safe and well! We all miss you so much! Thank you so much for replying to the emails that we sent out at the end of last week. It was so lovely to hear from more of you. We hope now that you are up and running with Numbots but if you are struggling please get in touch!

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

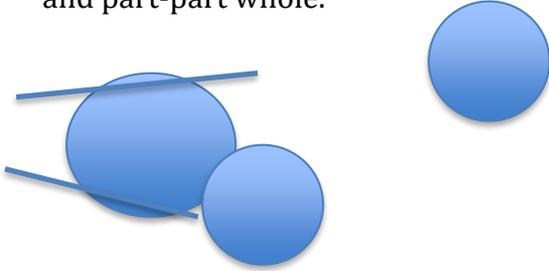
**Phonics:** Use the website [www.phonicsbloom.co.uk](http://www.phonicsbloom.co.uk) and play the game on the phase 3 tab Tricky Trucks. This will help consolidate the tricky words that we have already introduced.

**English:** Go onto the website [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and read the book Dad Can You Do This? (Found in red level section). Think about these questions while you are reading. Where is all the text in this story? What punctuation marks can you see within the text? Why did Dad not want Zac to play the drum? Before turning over to page 6 – Do you think Dad will go in the castle? Why? Why not? On Page 8 – Why was Zac so happy? Why was Dad finding it difficult to use the equipment in the play park? We found out that dad was good at something. What was it?

**Math's:** This week's good idea comes from some home learning that I saw on number bonds. Recap on which two numbers go together to make 10. Hide these in a number search for your child to find.

1	+	9	6	+	6	2
2	6	+	4	0	5	+
+	10	+	8	+	6	3
3	3	+	7	10	1	+
5	+	8	+	1	7	6
+	5	+	4	2	+	10
5	+	2	8	+	3	+
5	+	9	+	1	4	0

If they are finding it difficult consolidate the number bonds using manipulatives and part-part whole.



Put ten objects in the whole. How many shall we take from the whole to put in the first part? How many do we have left for the second part? Yes ... and .... Combine to make 10.

**Physical Development:** Thank you Mr Cooper for sharing some fabulous ideas to help us with our PE. This week's challenges are

Activity 1; Cone touch – find 4 items of different colours and place them in a square in your home or garden about 1 metre apart.

- Stand in the middle of the square
- Get a grown up to call out different colours
- Each time a colour is called you run to the colour and touch it and then go back to the middle of the square.
- Repeat this for 1 minute.

Activity 2; Shape jumping – No equipment needed (chalk if you have it)

- For this exercise you are going to make shapes by jumping.
- You must jump to make each point to make the shape. ( you can draw a line or mark out a line to make it easier)
- Shapes –
  - Square
  - Triangle
  - Rectangle
  - Circle
- For each shape, make the shape then go back over it the opposite way. Repeat each shape 2 times.
- The shape can be as big or as small as you want it to be.

**History -** Find out about the games, activities that your family and friends used to play when they were 4 and 5 and in their Reception classes. Are the games still the same or different?

**Creative** If you have not already had a try at Mrs Little's Facebook challenge have a go! This week she created a pen pot using a jar and colourful paper!

**Science and Writing:** Go on a bug hunt in the garden. Can you identify the bug that you have found? Can you describe him (use your adjectives)? Can you make an observational drawing of him? Can you write about him?

**Messages from EYFS teachers:**

**Mrs Smith** - This week I have finished my second book! Took me a bit longer to get into this one but thoroughly enjoyed it! I have also been continuing with my daily dog walks especially when the weather was sunny! I have tried some new dinner recipes including making pizza using yoghurt (have a try it was delicious)!

**Miss Cossey** - This week I have been on walks in the woods and looking out for different wildlife. I spotted lots of different types of birds and squirrels chasing each other! I have also been helping my Dad build a bench from old pieces of wood!

**Miss Ball** - This week I have been doing some more baking with Zac. We made yummy double chocolate chip cookies (they got eaten very quickly!). I've also spent a few evenings stargazing with a telescope. We could see the moon and venus really clearly and we even managed to take some photos of the craters on the moon.

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!