

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a great week in the sunshine. We have been very busy getting the school ready to welcome back many Reception children. There are some changes but many things are the same. There will be more information coming to you today if you are planning to send your child back to school.

If your child will remain at home, home learning will still be shared every week for your child to complete. You can still send back any comments to teachers via your child's class email. Teachers will check emails weekly and respond to you. Please be mindful that teachers will be teaching all day but would still love to hear about children at home's celebrations too! If you do change your mind and you would like your child to come to school please can you let the office know so that arrangements can be made for the following week.

I would like to reassure you though that for whatever reason your child will not be returning to school on Monday 1st June, home learning will continue to be supplied for your child and you will not be penalised in anyway.

Thank you for your support and positive feedback regarding correspondence sent in these difficult times. We will keep you updated with any changes as necessary.

Finally, you 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!

With love and best wishes

Tracy

Hello again to all EYFS parents and children!

We hope you are continuing to stay alert, safe and well!

We are looking forward to seeing some of you soon but thought we would set you some more challenges to have a go at whilst at home. Don't forget you can email through your learning and perhaps send us some photos so we can see it to!

Phonics:

Use the website <https://www.starfall.com/h/ltr-classic/>

This game will encourage your child to read simple sentences.

English:

Go onto the website www.oxfordowl.co.uk and read the book Zoom Food (in yellow band level). See if you can answer these questions whilst you are reading! Which digraph can you see in both the words in the title? Who are the characters within the story? (page 2) Who is Jin not as fast as? (Page 3) What did Jin think that she could get to make her faster? Where did they look? (Page 4 and 5) What ingredients went into the pan? (Page 7) Do you like any of the foods that went into the pan? What was the final ingredient that went into the pan? (Page 8) Why do you think that cook said Jin had had too much

zoom food? (Page 10) What did Jin fly past? (Page 12) How did Ben help Jin to stop? (Page 14)

Writing:

Read Oxford Owl story first.

Can you write a list of ingredients that you would put into a pan to make your own zoom food?

Maths:

Play <http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/bottleTakeAway/index.html>

This game will help to support subtraction.

Physical Development:

Can you skip with a rope? If not watch this YouTube clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYISiTGD2_I. If you can see if you can count how many skips you can do forwards and how many you can do backwards. Which way is easier / harder?

Creative:

This week's creative idea comes from some home learning sent in! (Thank you). Whilst on your walk collect some sticks and see if you can use them to make your class animal.



Science: Use your Lego or Duplo to create a maze that a marble can fit in. Can you move the marble through the maze so that either it gets to the middle or out the other side?

Messages from EYFS teachers:

Mrs Smith - This week I have been on lots of bike rides with my children. We have explored new bike paths that we didn't know were there and ended up in some beautiful places! I have also been trying some online yoga although I think I need to improve my flexibility if I am going to get better at it! I have also been cooking more cakes as we have had a birthday in our house. I have completed some online courses and have learnt a lot.

Miss Cossey - This week I have been enjoying the sunshine and planting plants with my mum. I have also been to the beach and had a swim, it was rather cold! I have completed a Science online course and have lots of new ideas which I can't wait to share with you!

Miss Ball - This week I have been doing a lot more clearing in my garden. It is looking lovely and tidy. I've been into school a few more times and helped Mrs Kent put together the video you were sent about what it's going to be like coming back to school. I've completed some more online training and have been enjoying the weather!

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!