

Hi

Hope you are all well and had a good week. As ever you are in our thoughts. We hope you have enjoyed the new home learning, videos and challenges which we have sent this week via the newsletter or Facebook. Please remember the time you spend together as a family is also valuable, with those important life skills being taught every day.

Tomorrow we celebrate VE day which will not obviously not be celebrated in the normal way that we would. I do hope you can talk to your children about it and the importance of remembering many heroes from the past. There are many links on the internet for decorations and activities which may be useful. Ashford Borough Council have put together some useful ideas and an activity pack. This can be found on the following link:

<https://www.ashford.gov.uk/your-community/history-and-heritage/ve-day/family-friendly-ve-day-activities/>

If you do take part in any celebrations, please send in any photographs or activities which your child has completed. We would love to see them!

We are hope that we will see you all very soon. We hope that the Government announcement on Sunday will give us a better idea of when this might be. We are working hard in the background with many options to ensure that you and your child will be supported through transition to their new year group and class.

Meanwhile take care and stay safe.

Finally, please 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](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!

**With love and best wishes**

**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! How have you been getting on with Numbots? Please don't forget if you are still having trouble logging in get in touch! Thank you also for all the lovely emails we have been receiving the photos too are really making us smile! Keep them coming!

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 [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP\\_FbjYUP\\_UtldV2K\\_niWw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_niWw/videos)

Letters and sounds for Home and School. This will help consolidate and reinforce the sounds we have learnt at home so far and includes child participation. There are daily lessons too!

English: Go onto the website [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and read the book Nok Can Fix It! (Found in red level section). Think about these questions while you are reading. What room was in a mess? (Page 3) What is a vac? (Page 4) Why do you think the vac would not work? (Page 5) How did Nok fix it? (Page 6) What did the vac do? (Page 8 and 9) How did Max stop the vac? (Page 11) How do you think Max will rescue Nok? (Page 12)

(A separate email has been sent to you with instructions on how to access this site if you are unsure!)

**Maths:** Can you make your own number fan using the teen numbers. Then ask a grown up to say a teen number and see if you can find it on your number fan. You could then swap roles!

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

Activity; Reach for the sky (burpees)

- - Get your son/daughter to lay on the floor on their stomach
- - Tell them they need to get up onto their feet
- - Jump and reach as high as they can (for the sky)
- - When they land they need to go back down onto their stomachs
- - Repeat 10 times

Activity; Cuddly toy catch

- - Pick a favourite toy (soft)
- - Stand 1 -2 metres apart or further dependant on ability and confidence
- - The space between you is a sea of lava or sharks.
- - If you drop the toy in the lava you lose it. You have 3 lives.

Challenges;

- - How many times can you throw and catch the toy in 1 minute?
- - How many times can you catch or throw one handed?
- - How many times can you throw or catch alternating your hands?

**Technology** - Have a video call with a relative or friend. You could read them a story, show them a picture or tell them all about what you have been doing. Remember you must always ask a grown up when you go online.

**Creative** Use some of the junk materials around the home to make your own sculpture. Remember a sculpture is something that is in 3 dimensional form.

**Science and Writing:** Whilst on your walk collect some natural objects. When back use your senses to describe the objects i.e. the petals felt silky. See if you can record your ideas.

Messages from EYFS teachers:

**Mrs Smith** - This week I have been logging in daily to read all of your wonderful emails which have been making me laugh and smile. I have also been supporting both my children with their home learning and have become very knowledgeable on VE day! I have also been making some story spoon puppets ready to put in the book corner so that you can retell the stories using the spoons!

**Miss Cossey** - This week I have been on more beautiful walks in the countryside. I have spotted cygnets on the canal. Can you find out what type of birds these are? I tried a new recipe and made a delicious raspberry and chocolate cheesecake too. I wonder if you have tried any new foods recently.

**Miss Ball** - This week I have made yet more banana bread (not sure why the bananas aren't getting eaten but at least they are not being wasted). I've completed some DIY around the house and have been part of a lot more online training all about computing. I've learnt some really exciting things with the program Scratch. Maybe you could have a play with it on a tablet or computer with an adult's supervision. It is all about coding!

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!