

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 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

From the year 1 team:

Hello Year 1!

We hope you are all well and have had a good week. As lockdown continues, we have been continuing to come up with some new challenges for you to do at home. We have loved hearing from you following our emails and seeing all the great things you are learning at home. Here are some new challenges for you to try at home this week.

Phonics – Do you remember **Geraldine the giraffe and Mr Thorne**? All his videos with sounds can be found on you tube. Perhaps you could have a go at writing some of the words you learn in his videos. This week can you look at the split digraphs; a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e.

English – You will notice the food challenge in DT (Design and Technology) below. Can you have a go at writing some instructions for how to make something, such as a sandwich? Please remember to write your list of ingredients and then your instructions for the method. Can you put in time connectives at the beginning of each instruction, i.e; First, Next, Then, After, Finally?

Maths – Hopefully you all received your Numbots login in an email from your class teacher. Please let us know if you didn't receive it or it isn't working, and we will try to resolve your issues. It's great to see so many children are using this and finding it a fun way to practise their maths skills. This week continue to practise working through story mode.

Science– <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08b08q8> Cbeebies radio have some great Science podcasts. They are about a range of things from growing sunflowers to how a hot air balloon stays in the air. Choose one to listen to. What did you find out? Can you show us in a creative way, what you have learnt? You could make a poster, do your own planting or even carry out an experiment of your own. Have fun and let us know what you get up to!

History- Can you find out about how life has changed for a member of your family or a friend (over 60 years old). Give them a call or facetime them. Ask them some questions, i.e. What was it like when you were at school? What did you like to play? What was your house like?

P.E. – Check out the new challenges added to our Facebook page this week! There is a super game to play and some great exercises to try too. These are also on our website.

Reading - Don't forget to carry on reading! There are lots of free online books you can try too on www.oxfordowl.co.uk Can you have a go at reading '*Painting the Loft.*' https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/digital_books/1345.html Can you answer these questions?

1. On page 3 Where did Gran say the children could have their den?
2. On page 9 What did the children have to do before they could start painting?
3. On page 14 Which part of the loft do you like best, why?
4. On page 16 Why did Mum say "Goodness!"
5. Have you ever made a den? How did you make yours?

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:

Mrs Norman

We have been enjoying the sunshine whilst it lasted last week and managed to get the swimming pool out and create a castle in the garden. We also managed to have a good sort out in our loft and organise it with bits ready for a charity shop and for recycling centre when it reopens! We also were really fortunate to witness our daughter take her first steps! She's still wobbly but definitely growing in confidence daily.

Mrs Thorogood

This week I have managed to finish my macramé pot hanger. I have ordered more rope so I can make some more as I really enjoyed it! I have also been reading a book before I go to bed each night. I have enjoyed reading lots of replies from Dolphins in the Year 1 email and seeing pictures of what you have been up to. I hope you are all now able to enjoy numbots with your new login that has been sent.



Mrs Hunt

This week I have been busy upcycling my garden table. Last year in some bad wind the glass top smashed so rather than buy a new table we decided to upcycle it. Mr Hunt cut a piece of wood for the top and then I painted it with blackboard paint. It's now a great place for our children to draw

and doodle as well as to eat from when its sunny enough to sit outside. I have enjoyed sitting there and listening to the birds early in the evening. Have you noticed how much quieter it is without so much traffic on the roads?