

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. This week has brought new ideas and plans for us at Downs View following the Government announcement on Sunday evening. We have an update from new guidance which dictates as an Infant school that we should prioritise Reception to start returning to school on Monday 1st June.

We are aware that your child maybe disappointed that year 1 are not returning yet. The plans are for all primary school aged children to return in July. We will have to wait for further guidance around this which will come in due course. We are preparing for your child's transition and if this cannot be face to face will be completed virtually preparing your child for their next steps to year 2.

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 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 Year 1!

We are disappointed that we won't see you as early as we hoped but we are busy preparing for when we do. We have lots of fun things for you to try out at home next week:

Phonics – Here is a fun game for you to make and play at home. All you need is a cardboard tube from your toilet or kitchen roll and a stick. Write some of the sounds you know on the first one and then some on the second one. Spin them round and read the word. Is it a real or not real word? Can you write 2 lists? You can try this with lots of different sounds and diagraphs. You could also add more tubes to make your words longer!



English – This week we'd really like you to have a go at using conjunctions to sentences. Have a look at this link for a video and some activities for you to try.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhmwqp3>

Maths – Can you practise your number bonds up to 10. You could create your own pairs game, write them out. Play a verbal game with a family member, i.e. I say 3, you say 7 (when making a bond to 10) or have a go at the following game online <https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html>

RE (cultural learning) – During this time many places of worship have had to shut down. This means that people cannot be together as they usually would to worship. Are you or is anyone you know affected by this? What has changed? How are people staying connected to each other and/or their faiths? Talk or write about this.

Science – What can you find out about flowers and plants? You could draw one and label it. Maybe you are growing something yourself that you could tell us about. Have you tried the experiment to put a flower in food colouring? See what happens. Why do you think this happened?

DT – Where does food come from? Have a look at some of the things in your home and see if you can find out where they come from. Perhaps you could look at a map of the world and find the countries they are from. Maybe you have been getting your fresh food locally. Can you find out how it was grown?

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 'Julia Donaldson A Biography'

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/12994.html>

Can you answer these questions?

1. On page 3 What do people love about Julia Donaldson books?
2. On page 5 What was Julia's cat called?
3. On page 10 What colour was the rabbit Julia wrote about?
4. End What other things does Julia like to do apart from writing books?
5. After Can you write a biography about someone else you are interested in?

We've had a busy week this week as we continue to prepare for your return to school. At home we have also been up to some more things we'd like to share with you.

Mrs Norman

This week I have managed to cut Mr Norman's and my little boy's hair and it didn't involve a bowl! I watched some YouTube videos to help me figure it out. It has been a week of helping others with food shopping as well as baking some goodies for a nearby neighbour to cheer them up. I wonder if you can share what you have been doing to help or cheer up others?

Miss Thorogood

This week I have been into school getting the classroom tidy and organised. I have enjoyed seeing some more of your activities from home. I have decided to try and get fitter and healthier so I have started doing more exercise and eating healthier food. I am really missing chocolate already though!

Mrs Hunt

This week I have been preparing resources for your return, in particular phonics flashcards. We can never have too many of these! I have also been enjoying watching a programme about South America. It is making me want to travel more, I love learning about the different cultures and countries of the world. It has made me think about where I would like to go when it's safe to travel again. Where would you like to travel to?

Take care and stay safe

Year 1 team