

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week, making new memories together. We have been very busy this week, working together as an amazing team to prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> June when many Reception children will return to school. We are also preparing transition activities for year 1 and hope we will be able to do these face to face.

Thank you for all the kind messages for 'Thank a teacher day,' These were greatly appreciated. I really am so lucky to have such an amazing team who always pull together and put the children first. They are working so hard to make the school tidy, bright and inviting for when the children return. Watch this space!

Please remember to keep in touch via the year group email and share your child's learning or ask any questions. We all enjoy seeing and hearing about the amazing things which the children have been doing at home.

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!

Please continue to stay safe and alert and keep to the 2metre distancing rule when you are out in the community.

Best wishes

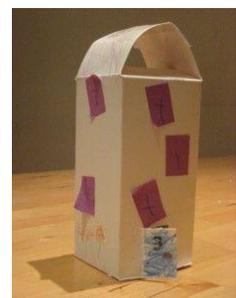
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Hello Year 1!

Can you believe we have made it through another half term! We are so impressed with how hard you have been working at home and have loved seeing all the things you have been doing. This week we would like you to spend time having a well earned break with your family. Relax, play games, get outside and enjoy yourself. We have a creative activity for you to have a go at and would love you to keep going with your reading when you can.

### Creative Learning

**Home** – Somewhere you have spent lots of time lately and we'd love to find out about it! What is your home like? Who lives there with you? Can you create your home. This could be a painting or drawing, built out of Lego or junk modelling, whatever you like. You could include the family you live with, pets, favourite things. It's up to you. Be creative as you like! We can't wait to see what you come up with and



get an insight into the special place you call home.



### Reading –

Listen to some stories this week. Catch up on the ones we have been sharing on our Facebook page read by the teachers at Downs View! Listen to some on Cbeebies or [storylineonline.net](http://storylineonline.net). Enjoy them. Can you retell the story? Can you answer questions about it or make up some questions to ask someone else?

Don't forget to carry on reading yourself. Re-read a favourite book from home. Have a look through your kitchen cupboards what words can you read on the things you find? Don't forget to use your phonics sounds to help you. There are lots of free online books you can try too on

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) This week can you have a go at reading "Sue Kangaroo"

[https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/digital\\_books/1389.html](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/digital_books/1389.html)

Can you answer these questions?

1. On page 2 What is the teachers name?
2. On page 5 Why does the teacher ask the children to be kind to Sue?
3. On page 10 What time was dinner time?
4. On page 19 What is the school rule?
5. After Did Sue like school? How do you know?

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.

### Miss Thorogood

This week I have bought some new plants for my garden that I am going to plant this weekend. I had to research which plants were best for different areas as some needed lots of sunlight and some would grow better in shade. I am excited to see them grow! Maybe you could do some research for me and find out what plants need to grow well and how I can look after them properly. I have really enjoyed hearing from lots of you via the year group email again this week. Please keep sending updates, I really do love to hear from you.

### Mrs Norman

This week it has been lovely to enjoy the sunshine. At the weekend as we were up early we enjoyed breakfast on the beach!. We took our own flask of tea and some delicious pastries. The children enjoyed throwing stones in the sea and we tried to get some good photographs whilst stopping our 1 year old eating the stones! I have added some tomato plants to our vegetable patch which are growing nicely. Just like Mrs Hunt and Miss Thorogood, I have prepared my hanging baskets and need to find some plants to go in them!

### Mrs Hunt

What a lovely week of sunshine we are having this week. I have been getting out in the garden, looking after the plants I am growing. I was also very lucky to receive a lovely hanging basket from my Mum which I mustn't forget to water! I have also been reading lots. I have been carrying out learning myself as well as reading a novel for pleasure. I also read to my children, we have just started Alice in Wonderland, which we are all enjoying, it has lots of silliness in it! I hope you have been keeping up your reading too, please let us know if you have read anything you really enjoyed.