

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 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!

How did you get on with the challenges we set last week? We have loved hearing from lots of you about what you have been up to. We've seen everything from masked dancers to amazing gardening alongside lots of reading, writing and maths practise. If you haven't sent us anything yet please do, we'd love to hear from you. Below are a few suggestions of things you could do to continue your learning this week.

Phonics – Have you seen Mrs Smith, Mrs Thorogood and Miss Stanley's super phonics videos on our Facebook page. Have a go at practising your sounds from them. Could you make some of your own cards to flash to teach to your family? Don't forget the actions!

English – This week we'd love you to have a look at the following website;

<https://mailchi.mp/talk4writing/home-school-booklets>

You will find some fun stories and activities to go with them. There is no need to print them off, be creative with your work and record it in your own way.

Maths – Have a look at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> for your maths learning this week. You'll find videos, activities to try out as well as some great online games such as Karate Maths.

PSHE (Moral learning)– Have a discussion or record in a journal. Who is helping you? How are you helping someone? Why is it important to help and support each other (especially at the moment)? What do you need help with at the moment and who can you tell?

History – What is VE day? Have you done anything to celebrate this day? Can you create a poster, picture or write some information to show us what you have found out about this special day?

Art – The world around us is changing so much with the arrival of spring. Can you find something lovely in your garden or on a walk to have a go at drawing. We call this observational drawing. Remember to look carefully and only draw what you see. No smiley faces on your daisies!

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 'Cat's painting'?

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

Can you answer these questions?

1. On page 3 Who had painted a tree?
2. On page 5 Why didn't Cat want Nok to help finish it?
3. On page 7 How did the paintbrush move across the page?
4. On page 9 Why do you think Cat decided to shrink?
5. On page 12 What fell?
6. On page 16 Can you retell the story?

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 we have managed to go on our first family bike ride. We have 2 kids' seats attached which means we can all go now. It's been lovely to escape to the countryside and see the new lambs and wildlife as well as the spring flowers blooming. We also had a go at following a new recipe which was delicious but I did put too much of one ingredient in which I will avoid next time! I have also been able to access some home learning myself. Beginning to tackle courses online.

Miss Thorogood

It has been lovely hearing from you all again this week via our year group email. I have seen photos of cookies, cakes, a letter to the tooth fairy, an impressive Minion drawing, tie dye clothes and lots more amazing learning! I have been keeping busy this week by making more macramé pot hangers. I am going to attempt a cushion cover next! I am also very happy to see the sunshine back and have been doing some work on my laptop in the garden which has been lovely.

Mrs Hunt

This week I have been busy helping my daughter with her project on the Olympics. Since they were cancelled this year in Tokyo, she has had the task of creating and developing her own Olympic games. This has involved us researching countries which would be good to hold the games in, creating a stadium out of Lego as well as practising lots of sports and creating games in the garden. Thankfully the sun has continued to make an appearance, which has been very handy. Like Miss Thorogood I much prefer to sit in the garden and work than inside. Have you tried doing your school work outside?