



22nd January 2021 Newsletter

January	
Friday 29 th	Birthday assembly held virtually for all children with a birthday in January
February	
Friday 12 th	End of Term

Altogether, we learn, love, respects and most importantly have FUN!

As we approach the end of another week, congratulate yourselves and your child for all you have achieved this week. The staff were pleased to be able to see some of the children on a zoom call for 'show and tell' this week. We hope your child enjoyed it as much as the teachers did, if they took part. We hope to offer similar opportunities as well as a telephone call from a member of staff again soon. Please remember to send in at least one 'wow' moment, which your child has chosen each week. We appreciate your feedback and it was great to receive many more positive comments this week about the remote learning at the gate or via email which are passed on to staff. We realise that some days or some lessons may be easier than others for your child. Please remember to build in learning breaks as you feel your child needs them and praise them for trying their best!

Keep safe, keep positive and we hope to see you altogether again soon!

Mrs Kent

		
	Shout outs this week	Shout outs this week
	Chloe - for great listening and focus in all lessons and sharing her ideas.	Kyra -for her hard work carrying out Maths and English home learning.
	Abrianna - for trying hard to improve her writing by using interesting words.	Jessie P - for her fantastic and creative learning at home, in particular her Kenyan clothing designs!
	Davids - for trying so hard with his phonics and maths.	Amelia - for her amazing work in English at home
	Lola – for representing teen numbers using dienes.	Ashley- for excellent phonics work at home.
	Grace - for making a super Forky and writing a super set of instructions on how she did it.	Evie - for super home Maths, counting to 20 using two tens frames and some raisins!
	Leighton - for writing a fantastic riddle and trying so hard with his writing at home.	Kelsie - for being super busy at home making a fabulous bird feeder.
	Chase – For his amazing sentence writing which told the rest of the group what he could do if he was a superhero!	Jake – For using amazing fine motor control when creating his own superhero and writing his letters.
	Oscar – For his wonderful story about Miss Cossey and her dog Honey!	Charlie – For working super hard on his writing. We were particularly impressed with how Charlie wrote the cvc (three letter words) words we have been learning in a sentence!
	Finlay R – For using fantastic imagination when creating his own superhero story on the writing toolkit!	Ronald – For his fantastic sentence writing this week. Ronald remembered to write all the sounds he could hear for words needed and even remembered his capital letter and full stop!

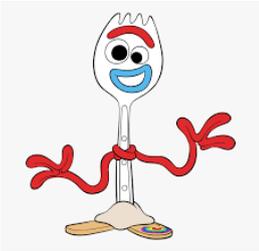
What we have been learning.....

EYFS



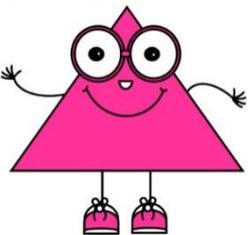
This week in EYFS we have been reading the story Superworm. Whilst we were reading the story we noticed that Superworm could complete a whole range of tasks! It made us think about all the things that we can do. We decided to write our own sentences to tell others what we can do. We had to remember to use our finger spaces, capital letters and a full stop. We also remembered to write the sounds we could hear in the correct order! In Maths we have begun to create some part part whole number sentences by calculating how many balls landed in the bucket and how many missed i.e. we had 5 balls. 1 landed in the bucket. 4 missed the bucket. My number sentence would be $1+4=5$! We have also had fun learning about how Christian churches look from the outside. We spotted similarities and differences! We are looking forward to next week when we get to go on a virtual tour around the inside of a church! We have also been very active and have taken part in some Cosmic Yoga and found some great games on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/just-for-fun-collection/z7tymfr> Have a go at some of these at home!

Year 1



This week in year 1 we have been busy learning how to write instructions in English. In school the children have worked hard to create their own puppet. They then write a super set of instructions for someone else to follow. Similarly, at home we have seen some excellent creations of 'Forky' that have been made and we know that children are working hard to create their own set of instructions on how to make these. In Maths this week we have been learning about numbers to 20. We have been comparing these and ordering them from smallest to greatest. We are so pleased to hear that so many of you have enjoyed the challenge of going for a walk and collecting different amounts of things. We have also seen some super creativity going on both at home and in school. We done if you have been busy drawing and/or making things. We always love to see your creations. Lastly, we were so pleased that so many of you have joined us for a zoom show and tell. We miss you all so much so it was lovely to catch up. Have a lovely weekend. Fingers crossed the sun will shine for us!

Year 2



This week in year 2 we have carried out research to find out more about Africa. We found out some countries, landmarks, foods, traditional clothing and animals that live in different countries within Africa. We used this research to write persuasively, tempting tourists to go and visit. We focussed on adding sentence openers, conjunctions and adjectives to make our writing more interesting. The teachers have been so impressed with the writing in school and can't wait to see the final pieces of writing from the children who are learning at home. Within Maths we have learnt about 2D shapes. We have named them, found their properties, written riddles and discussed repeated patterns involving shape. We have already seen some amazing work from those at home.

The teachers are glad that the recorded lessons are useful for those of you at home and hope that they are helping children's motivation. Don't forget to send any learning to our year 2 email address year2@dows-view.Kent.such.uk

Please also get in touch to this email address if you would like a reminder of your child's Numbots login as this is a great resource to be using at home during the children's free time.

Keep up the great work everyone and stay safe!

BBC remote learning

As you may have already seen the BBC will show curriculum based programmes on TV from Monday. They will include 3 hours of primary school programming every day on CBBC from 9am. This is such a brilliant resource for your child to tap into if you are struggling with home schooling. The programming will include BBC live lessons, BBC Bitesize as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch. There will also be Bitesize daily programmes available to watch on demand. If you have a secondary child they will also be showing content to support them on BBC Two. We hope that this in addition to our remote learning makes home learning a little easier and maybe a useful tool if you have more than one child at home sharing devices or you are also working at home.

Contacting your Year Group Teachers

Our year group emails are available and the teachers are looking forward to hearing from you. Please use the following email address to share any of your child's super remote learning or if you have a specific question for the year group teachers. This can be used for children in school as well as the regular home learning, ie spellings and reading will be coming home which you may want to share or if you need to contact the year group. Please use these email addresses rather than the office email address for anything related to your child's learning. For all other queries or questions, please continue to use the office address.

reception@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

year1@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

year2@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Covid-19 – Stay at Home – Protect the NHS – Save Lives



In accordance with the government guidelines, we would ask that parents are vigilant/alert. For all children who are currently attending school if they or anyone in their households develops any of the following symptoms they should not come into school and should inform the school of this. Thank you again for your continued co-operation.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms are the recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or a member of their household has any of the 3 symptoms listed above could you please visit [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) to book a test or call 119, letting the school know this on the 1st day of absence. Could you please ensure that once the test results are known the school is informed both via telephone and email before they return to school.

If you are self-isolating, please can we politely remind you that you should not be leaving your home which includes driving your child to school even if you come and remain in a car. If your child does not need to isolate, they can still come to school but would need to be brought in by somebody else. To ensure that we all follow Government guidance and prevent the spread of the virus, please abide by the guidelines given. If you need any support or guidance, please contact the school office.

Contacting the School

  During the current national lockdown if you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that might arise, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the school office

  : office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call Sam our FLO on 07884866105. These are checked regularly.

Remote Learning

The government have announced help for families to gain access to the internet to complete remote learning by increasing their mobile data allowance. If you are experiencing problems accessing the remote learning and would like further information on this assistance please contact the school office providing us with the following details:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)
- whether they pay monthly or pay as they go

This new scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks.

Families with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

Once a network provider has processed a data increase, the provider will send a text message to the account holder.

Act of Kindness

We have received another beautifully painted message stone in the school playground this week. It is lovely that families can still keep in touch in a safe way, whilst they are out in the local area taking their daily exercise. We will hide this somewhere else in the local community as part of the 'Ashford rocks' project. If you would like to take part, paint and varnish a stone and then write message on the back and leave it somewhere local for others to find whilst on a walk.



Nessy Resources

Nessy are giving away sound cards from their website. They are also offering a reduced fee for Parents for the next two months during Lockdown if you would like to subscribe to any of their fun and interactive reading, writing and spelling programmes. - £30 reduced to £24. The children love the fun graphics that go with these programmes. See the website for details (www.nessy.com) Many of their individual lessons can also be accessed on YouTube for free!!!

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Phonic sound cards

Free Phonic Sound Cards

Our free Phonic Sound Cards are an ideal activity for lockdown learning.

Print and cut to play.
Introduce your child to the phonics sounds of English by playing together.
Watch Nessy's Youtube videos to reinforce the concepts introduced.

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About Nessy

Nessy programs are designed to help students of all abilities learn to read, write, spell and type, especially those who learn differently, including:

- Mainstream
- EAL
- Homeschool
- Students with dyslexia

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Adverse weather arrangements

At this time of year we like to take the opportunity to remind you of the procedures we put in place should we have any adverse winter weather.

If it has been snowing heavily we will do everything we can to make sure the school is open however we have to take in to account the number of staff able to get to school and the safety of children and adults on the school site. Mrs Kent will liaise with Mrs Seal/Mrs Wratten at Kennington CE Academy and make a joint decision as early as possible in the morning.

If we have heavy snow we request that all children bring in a packed lunch as we may not be able to provide a school dinner.

If any of these measures are put in place we will keep parents informed by putting up to date information on:

Website: www.downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Kent Closure site: www.kentclosures.co.uk

[BBC Radio Kent](#)

[Facebook](#)

We will also contact parents via email.



PLEASE NOTE: As long as we have enough staff and the site is safe the school will be open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk