

The Downs Primary School and Nursery

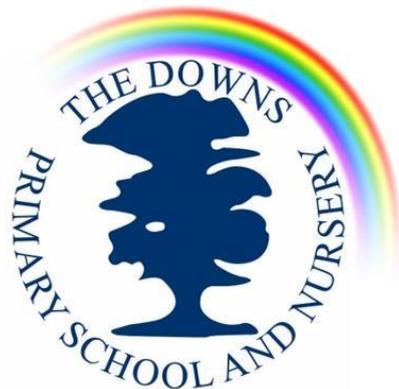
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Early Years Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy week getting back into our routines and enjoying various activities. Thank you to all the children who came to school in 'funky socks' on Tuesday. It was great to see everyone supporting young carers. Next week is the last week before the Easter break.

Acorn Class have been learning the sound 'u' and been listening to the initial sounds in words. This is really tricky for quite a lot of the children so we are going to be continuing with this. We have also been listening to the sounds in words and blending them together such as c-a-t, cat! Again this is a tricky skill and we will continue to practise this. Look back over some of the Tapestry videos from home learning to support your child at home with their sounds.

In **Maths**, we have been looking at recognising numerals. This is not just knowing what the numbers are but also matching them and looking at the shape of the numbers such as the type of lines that make up the numeral (straight, curved or both).

Theme

We have continued our theme of Traditional Tales with 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We have had so much fun pretending to be the giant by stomping around Nursery bellowing "Fe, fi, fo, fum. Watch out everyone, here I come!" The children have enjoyed planting seeds to see if they can grow their own beanstalk at home. They are looking forward to climbing up it to see what is at the top!



Home learning task

- Make sure you write in your child's reading diary once you have shared their library book together so your child can receive their house point!
- Next week, we are looking at signs of Spring. Over the weekend, take a walk in your local area or the Town Park and see what you can find. Please post your photos onto Tapestry so we can share them with the rest of the class next week.

Reminders

Monday - bring in book bags so books can be changed

Thursday - PE day. Please make sure your child comes to nursery wearing suitable clothes to stretch and run around in. Try to avoid trainers that have laces.

 	<p>Holly and Mulberry Classes have been learning the ‘ear’ trigraph this week. We have also been recapping all trigraphs learnt so far – igh, air, ear. We have been learning the new tricky work ‘some’ and have been enjoying singing our tricky word songs and phase 3 phonics songs to learn our sounds and words better. Can your child recognise any tricky words or sounds in books that they read?</p> <p>In Maths, we have been talking about the importance of time and why we need it. We have discussed that time is important as we need to know the time of day, when to get up, when to eat dinner, when to arrive at school etc. We have learnt that time is used for appointments e.g. dentists and is also important if you are going on outings to places like the cinema as you need to know the time the film is showing. We have also been measuring time this week and have been completing challenges in 1 minute. The children are understanding that 1 minute is 60 seconds. We have been doing lots of challenges in one minute and then recording our results e.g. how many times can you write your name in 1 minute, how many star jumps can you do in one minute – the maths homework this week is linked to this.</p> <p>Theme</p> <p>We continue our theme of the farm and spring animals. Today we have enjoyed a special Zoom farm trip and have learnt a lot about farm animals. Ask your child a fact about the farm animals they have learnt about. We have also been practising our writing this week and have written sentences about a farm picture. The children have used their phonics knowledge to write these sentences and have been encouraged to be as independent as possible. Please continue to encourage writing at home. Your child should be writing sentences using their phonics. Can they remember any facts about their farm visit and write these in sentences?</p> <p> Tapestry home learning task:</p> <p>Remember to read over the weekend and sign your child’s reading diary. We have been ordering our daily school routine, this week. Can you discuss and order the routine of one of your days this weekend? What comes first, what do you do next, etc. Encourage your child to verbally talk about their daily routine. They can also write a sentence about their favourite part of the day or draw a picture. Post what you get up to onto Tapestry.</p>
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Message for Nursery parents – Parents’ Evening

As Ms McCabe sees many of you at drop off or pick up times and talks about your child’s day we have not arranged a formal parents’ evening this term. However, if you would like to talk with Ms McCabe about how your child has settled back into Nursery please phone the office to make an appointment.

Dates for your diary

<p>Thursday, 25th March</p>	<p>Nursery finishes for the holidays</p>
<p>Friday, 26th March</p>	<p>Rest of the school finishes at 1:30pm for holidays</p>

Kind Regards
The Early Years Team