

# The Downs Primary School and Nursery

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## Mulberry and Holly Class Newsletter

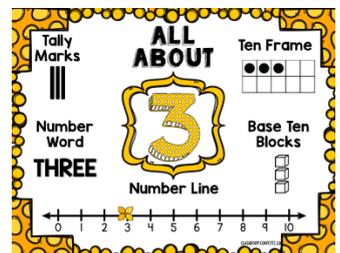


Dear Parents/Carers

### This week we have....

#### Maths

We have focussed on learning about the number three, looking at different ways of representing this number.



**Try this at home-** Don't forget to take a photo for Tapestry 😊

**Triangles** are shapes that have 3 straight sides. Can you cut some triangle shapes out of paper? What pictures can you make using the shapes? Can you make a fish picture using 3 triangles? Use a big triangle for the body, a smaller triangle for the tail and an even smaller triangle for the fin.

**Make** a smoothie or a fruit salad with a grown-up. Can you add 3 different types of fruit? Try making a yummy smoothie using strawberries, banana and mango or a fruit salad of apples, grapes and pears.

**When** you are out and about look for the number 3. Can you find the number 3 on car number plates, door numbers, buses, on price tags? Look for groups of three i.e. traffic lights, dogs out walking, bike riders, joggers.

The children have also loved singing along to this song on YouTube this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wZfloEUYD8>



#### Letters and Sounds- Phonics

We have been continuing with Jolly Phonics phase 2 and we are starting to join sounds together to blend into words. This week we have been learning the letter sounds i, n, m and d. We have also been learning tricky words 'go' and 'no'. Remember to type 'Jolly Phonics phase 2' into YouTube to practise the Jolly Phonics sounds and actions.

## Things you can do at home

**Make** letter cards with the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, see what words you can make and sound out e.g. is, in, sat, pat, tin, map, mat, dip, sad – can you find any of these words in a book?

**Use** the letter cards for other games such as sound hunts, playing bingo, snap (if you double the letter cards).

**You** could also take your phonics outside by spotting known sounds on car number plates or reading street signs.

## Celebrations



This week we have been talking about celebrations and what we celebrate. We have looked at the Jewish Festival Rosh Hashanah which celebrates the Jewish New Year. We have been talking about the different things we celebrate and have been sharing what we do with our friends. Different celebrations we came up with included birthdays, Christmas, Easter, weddings, birth of a new baby etc. We discussed what we did to celebrate these, for example; having parties, special dinners, giving and receiving presents.



At home you could talk about different celebrations and what you celebrate together as a family that may be different to others. Remember to post any discussions and celebrations onto tapestry for us to share with the class.

## Gardening

Our small garden area is looking a little sad after the summer, so we would like to undertake a revamp with the children. To do this we are asking for donations of:

- Bedding plants
- Compost
- Seeds – flowers, vegetables
- Bulbs- daffodils, tulips

We would love any of the above, the more we get the better our garden area will be.

Kind Regards

The Reception Team