

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Here we are at the end of the spring term and who would have thought that we would all be confined by government restrictions and that our children's learning would be all online! This has been a steep learning curve for us all, with teachers working dawn to dusk to set up and engage their classes in learning at home. Following the remote learning packs that were sent out in the first week, we were keen to make sure that our lessons were not only both appealing and challenging but also assisted parents to support their children when completing activities at home. We are very keen to read your feedback on the experience so far, giving your views. With this in mind, we would be really

grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a survey that we will send out via schoolcomms tomorrow. I must offer my thanks to many of you who have already sent emails throughout this week with positive comments and thanks. This has been very much appreciated by all the Ashtead Pre-Prep staff.

The teachers have prepared a selection of activities along with links to learning sites which you may like to explore with your children during the holidays. After the Easter break we are looking forward to having online access to new reading, maths and activity programmes which will enhance and compliment the current learning we have in place. We will

also be able to look forward to PE and Forest School lessons on Seesaw.

I would also like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to you all for your wholehearted commitment to this new way of learning for your children. The feedback has been amazing and the teachers are overwhelmed by the wonderful responses they are receiving. Now, we have a little breathing space over the Easter break to embrace what we have achieved and recharge for a new term.

Have a relaxing and restful Easter break. Keep well and keep safe. Happy Easter.

Tessa Roberts

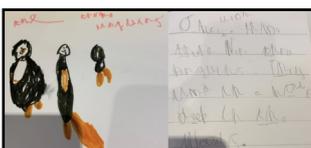
Learning Together



Here is a quick snapshot of some of the things the children have been enjoying and learning this week. First Steps week was bursting with colour - rainbows, springtime flowers and of course, fluffy yellow chicks! Rising Reception continued their sound of the week, investigating y..y..y..y! The children took part in a range of activities from mud painting, nature inspired letter formation and even created their own Yo-yo! Great learning! Reception put



their imaginations to the test as they innovated the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. You'd be interested and amazed by their creative ideas and unusual new characters. Year 1 have surprised themselves this week. Who knew you could complete philosophy for children (P4C), talk for writing (T4W), and ukulele practise online? The



children have demonstrated a fantastic understanding of multiplication and money in Maths whilst innovating their Three Little Pigs story. Mary has changed her story into the Three Pink, Prancing Ponies. Wow! Fantastic work everyone!



Edward 30th March

Happy Birthday

Rory 27th March



Lawrence 4th April

Lachlan 5th April

Mary 15th April

Emily 17th April