## **Downs Infant School Newsletter**

Week ending 24 September 2021



Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you had a beautifully sunny and restful break and that your children are ready for what promises to be an exciting and action packed term. We are delighted that the children have returned so enthusiastically and the weather seems to be matching their enthusiasm! We have many exciting things coming up, not least the Year two trip next week. You will also notice some exciting developments to our outdoor learning spaces and we are also beginning to phase out some VERY old furniture to replace it with modern, high quality furniture indoors that will encourage the very best independent learning.

The new gate system seems to have worked well this week. You are now welcome to use any of the gates.

Remember we have a bank holiday this weekend, so enjoy the extra day and we will see you all Tuesday 3rd – MAY ALREADY?!!

Miss Cargill

Diary Dates: (New dates

will be in red)

- •Bedtime Story Club 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May (Zoom)
- Year 2 trips Puffin and Kingfisher Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May
   Owl and Robin – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May
  - •Thurs 5 May Relationships Education workshop
- •Fri 27 May INSET
- •Mon 30 May-Fri 3 June Half Term

Fri 17 June Jubilee baton arrives!

Open classrooms from 8.30-8.50 WB: 13<sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)

## Learning Round Up

Reception began their new topic, 'Ready, steady, grow' and found some giant sized objects outside.

I wonder what traditional tale they may be learning about to help them learn about growing?!







Year One are learning all about Superheroes and have been reading the book 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. They have been creating their own villains and enjoying some 'hot seating' to really get into character!

Year Two have begun learning about bees and life cycles, and are really looking forward to their trip next week. They have learnt how to write precise instructions with great hilarity along the way!

## **Chair of Champions**



Well done all of you!
Wilfred in Kingfishers, Bea in Puffins, Harper in Owls,
Phoebe in foxes, Arlo in squirrels, Livvy in Badgers, Jack in Hedgehog
Edith and Rowan RS in Robins, Ralph and

Emmi in turtles, Roo and Iris in starfish



This Half Term's Value is: Empathy



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Evw gu369Jw This is a great illustration (for adults) of what empathy means.

