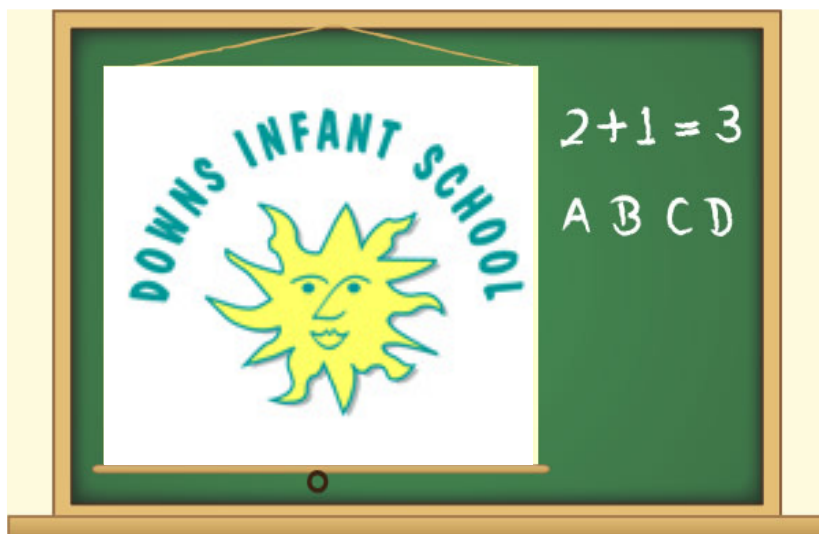


Downs Infant School Newsletter

February 26th 2018

This is a bumper edition: rounding up the end of last half term and the beginning of this one! The holiday already seems a distant memory as the children have come back so keen and ready to learn. Mrs Arthur popped in this week and was amazed at how different the Reception children are from when she last saw them – so grown up and doing such amazing learning! The other year groups are also bringing me writing, pictures, models and other things they are rightly proud of.

Dr Mitchell



Learning Round Up

Last half term finished with Victorian Day, a real-life journey on buses and trains, and a dragon-filled trip to the Royal Pavilion as all year groups celebrated their learning with some 'fantastic finishes'. We also celebrated Chinese New Year with a visit from a dancing lion. (S)he (we weren't sure which, but it had such a personality!) spread good luck among the children as well as inspiring our year 2 dancers preparing for Let's Dance at the Dome.

This week aliens landed in Reception, year 2 wrote some exciting adventure stories, and year 1 started finding out about dinosaurs... ROARRRRRR!



Values Learning

This half term we are beginning to look at 'creativity'. In Learning Heroes assembly on Wednesday, Mrs Brewer introduced the children to the work of some female scientists – creativity in ALL academic subjects is important to us at Downs Infants!

For more information about all our values go to <http://downsinf.schooljotter2.com/>

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, Mrs Arthur and Mss Holt are still not well enough to return to school. Mrs Brett has kindly agreed to carry on teaching Puffins full-time, and Mrs Lean (Reception Leader), Mrs Brewer (Year 1 Leader) and Miss Harrex (Year 2 Leader) will all continue taking on aspects of Mrs Arthur's role. We thank you for your support and for your best wishes to Mrs Arthur and Ms Holt.

We will shortly have a vacancy for a Mid-day Meals Supervisor. If you are interested, please let the office know.

Please make sure you inform the school if your child is going home with someone else, even if they have been with that person before, unless you have given us this as a regular arrangement in writing.

Dates for your diary (New/changed dates in red)

Week beginning 26 February, World Book Week

Thursday 1 March, Victoria Woodgate will visit and we will dress up as an animal from her book, *Urban Jungle* – for details, please see class teachers

6 and 7 March, Year 2 trips to Lewes Castle

12 and 14 March, parents evenings **(bookings open online on Thursday 1st March)**

Let's Dance at the Dome, Monday 19th March

Sunday 18th March FODIS New Looks for New Books sale, 10-12am

Friday 23 March, FODIS Quiz Night

Wed 18 April, Class photos

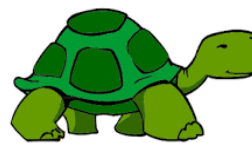
FODIS

FODIS are working with the school to try to raise enough money to provide a school library. We hope that this will be in a revamped Garden Room or ICT suite, and will provide a resource for all our children and our families. On Sunday 18th March we will be recycling your old clothes at our 'New Looks for New Books' sale. Please look at the FODIS Facebook page for more details!



Don't forget we are on twitter @DownsInfants

Bench of Brilliance



Dolphin: Martha, Jemima

Badger: Alice, Frida

Turtle: Cleo, Lakshi

Hedgehog: Amy, Reggie

Starfish: Joseph, Alexa, Nora, Arthur

Owl: Amelia, Arnas

Seahorse:

Kingfisher: Bailey, Rowan



Otter: Finn C, Finn DC

Puffin: Jude, Edie

Squirrel: Noah, Sunny

Swallow: Maianna, Cara, Goldie, Carmen T, Richard, Noah P

