



16th July 2020

Dear children,

Well done! You have successfully completed England's first ever summer term at home – in fact, probably the world's first! What an achievement!

We really have missed you since you stopped coming to school on 20th March (some of you earlier than that) – 17 weeks ago! That's nearly three six-week holidays back to back (and by the time you return to school you will have been away for 23 weeks – that is nearly half a year!). You haven't been on holiday though, of course, and you have been diligently doing your school work at home. We know this because you and your parents have told your teachers when they phoned you for a chat.

This week you should have been doing some assessment activities, checking to see what you remember. I hope you have done them – and don't forget to bring them into school with you when you come back. Even though you break up tomorrow, it really would help you if you carry on practising some of the things you find difficult through the holidays. Continuing to practise spellings and times tables will also be helpful, and you must certainly do lots of reading. When we all return to school in September, everyone (and that includes YOU) is going to have to work very hard to catch up on the weeks you haven't been in school (I am sure, Year 6, that as you move up to secondary school, you too will be expected to work extra hard!).

When you come back to school you may notice a few changes. I have explained these to your parents and asked them to chat to you about them. However, you shouldn't find that school is hugely different (it will just be things like desks in rows, and no assemblies) and it certainly isn't anything to worry about. You will spend September in the classroom you were in before lockdown and with the same teachers. We thought you would like the chance to spend a few more weeks in familiar surroundings, and your teachers have lots of learning planned for this time. During the first week back you are only in for three days and these will be spent talking and catching up with your friends and teachers, doing art and D&T and reading to your teachers so that they can sort out your reading books and you can start taking them home again. You won't start your full time table until the following week. In the corridors you will see that we have some lockdown boards, with photographs and work on them that have been produced during this time. There are a couple of empty boards; these are ready for your fabulous art work and creations to brighten up the walls – so they need to be good!

Talking of 'good', we hope that when you come back you all still remember our rules (you may spot a couple of new additions).

Be SAFE
Be KIND
Be GREAT

- **G**ood presentation – **W**ork and self
- **R**espectful - **P**eople and property
- **E**mbrace challenge - **H**ave a go; take a risk
- **A**im high - **A**spire and achieve
- **T**ry your best - **U**se your 'learning powers'

Now, more than ever, these rules are really important to ensure that you all return to school **safe** and **happy** and ready to start **learning**.

I hope that you all have a fabulous summer holiday. It may not be as planned (you might be like me, with your holiday cancelled – boooooo!) but I am sure you will have fun. Most importantly, stay safe, and follow whatever new rules there may – and we'll be back to normal very soon!

Happy summer!
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