



Dear Class 4,

Hi! I hope you are all keeping well and not getting too bored at home. We have been adding to the website lots of useful resources and links that you can access to keep you busy. Check them out when you can! By the time I next see you I'm sure you'll all be super fit having followed the Joe Wicks daily fitness sessions.

I'm so sorry that I didn't get to say goodbye before the school closed and wasn't with you for the final few days. Unfortunately, one of my family members had a cough and because of that, we had to follow the guidelines to isolate. I can reassure you that apart from having colds, we are fit and well. I've been having lots of extra cuddles with Maggie and Leo. However, I am missing you all and the normal daily routines. Let's hope it's not too long before we can start getting back to normal.

In terms of activities, you have the activities and projects outlined in the class letter for emergency closures and you have your Easter holidays homework packs. Do try to complete these activities regularly. Although there are no SATs this year, the tasks for years 5 and 6 provide you with the skills and knowledge that you will need for when we return and to be well-prepared for your next academic year.

Other simple activities that you can do are to keep a diary or log. One day people will look back at this as an historic time and your diary could provide interesting information to share with your family and friends in years to come. It's also a good way of releasing your feelings.

Make sure to use this valuable chance to get stuck into a really good book. I'm making sure that I do - it's a good way to take your mind off everything and unwind.

As an additional completely optional project, you could attempt (if you have the resources at home) what we would have done as a DT project in class. The topic is mechanisms and control. The design challenge is to plan and design a toy that has some kind of control (such as a switch, dial, push button or electronic signal) to make the toy move in a certain way using some kind of mechanism. It could be a toy with a lever or a pulley, a gear or a cam. How you do it is completely up to you. You could do this with Lego or K'Nex. If you look up Year 5 unit 5C or Year 6 unit 6D on this website <https://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/dandd/ks1-2/resources/qca.shtml> there are some ideas to get you started. Please take photos of your projects if you do this.

Remember to stay at home and stay safe. Be good for your parents and carers - I'm sure you're all being as helpful to them as possible.

Hope you all stay very safe and well and be happy. I'll be in touch again very soon.

Sending you and your families my very best wishes.

Mrs Henden