

Email to Year 2 parents before Easter holiday:

Firstly, you should be really proud of yourselves for all the learning you have done so far this year and all the happy memories we have created together. We know you are fully ready to 'show off' all your fantastic learning skills with the people you are at home with!

This is a 'wobbly' time for all of us and we hope you are embracing this opportunity of family time and you are all working as a super power team, just like we would be doing in our classroom together. As you know through our Growth Mindset learning, our brain is a muscle that needs to be exercised so we will be here to help you with that task. Your parents and carers may not be your 'teachers' but they have been your 'primary educators' all the way through your life – far longer than we have! They taught you to smile, eat, walk, dress yourselves and many more things, but most importantly they taught you to love each other and to laugh. As a family sing, dance and celebrate how excellent you all are: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyVzjoj96vs> (What I Am! By Will.i.am)

Together we will keep your brain exercised and provide suggested tasks for you to complete whilst we are not together in the classroom. These tasks will help you practice the things you already know (so you don't forget the wonderful learning you have already started) and to also challenge you to learn new things too. Some days you will feel like doing all of the tasks we have suggested in one go, other days you may feel like snuggling under a blanket and doing nothing - this is ok! In a situation like this, we are all just doing our best as we are all trying to get used to this change and finding our way through it. We will all make mistakes, we all need to care for each other and support each other. The most important thing is to be happy and healthy and to keep our brains learning. When you return to the classroom we will be there for you to help you learn from the things that you already know (we are experts at this!).

Make sure you take time out to do the things you like doing best: whether making mud pots; blowing bubbles in the garden; tiddlywink Olympics; UNO championships, Minecraft masters; Family bake off and many more! You are still learning by doing all these things and these are the things that make you special and amazing. We look forward to seeing your wonderful smiles and hearing all your home achievements when we return and we are here for you if you need us.

In the words of Roald Dahl:

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

-Roald Dahl

"A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men."

-Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator

"It is almost worth going away because it's so lovely coming back."

-Boy: Tales of Childhood

