

## Year Three - Class of 2020!

Hello Year three!

What a strange year. I've been teaching for 21 years and for the 15 years before that I was in education myself and never have we had to stay at home to go to school.

Some of you will have enjoyed staying at home (Poppy definitely has - she's a Mommy's girl) and some of you might be desperate to get back. Others may have mixed feelings, but that is ok. We will all work through our hopes and fears in September. Please remember that however you feel about returning to school there will always be someone who feels similar to you.

Even though the year was cut short we still achieved such a lot. We enjoyed Forest School, making cave paint and hunting, the Stone Age trip and you all started to make super progress with your swimming on a Friday. TT Rockstars was a huge success, I particularly enjoyed challenging my class and I was always desperate to beat the fastest child! (I'm so much faster now too, and still want to beat my best score.)

I know that in very different ways that we have all be working hard at home and school, whether that be completing the work set, planning lessons, looking after children, learning a new skill or just making it through each day. I know in the beginning I found online food shopping a real challenge and staying in my house for four months has been hard too. I can't wait to go to a shop again. However, I have learnt to sew using a sewing machine - something I've wanted to do for a long time, bake bread and fix a leaky roof. Not all of your learning will have been through school work. Well done with sticking with and overcoming whatever challenges you have faced, remember that we will emerge from this time stronger than we might have been before.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in September and catching up with your news. I think 'news' time might take us a couple of days to get through as even after the weekend we always have such a lot to say to each other. (And I very much like talking!)

We will be studying a new book for the first couple of weeks called 'Here we are' and all of our lessons will be based on this. When you return to school you will be going back to your 'old' teacher and then completing transition sessions with your 'new' teacher over the first few weeks. I think that this is a great idea that we all get to see each other before we move on.

In September school will be a little different, drop offs and lunchtimes will be a bit different, take a look at the online videos that Mrs Trueman has created of all of the classrooms, you will be surprised that that inside the rooms not a lot has changed.

Thank you for your kind words and emails throughout lockdown, on days that have been challenging they have certainly cheered me up and encouraged me to carry on.

I hope to see you all in September, I must start going to bed early so that I can practice waking up early as I have got a little bit used to having a little lie in in the mornings.

Enjoy your summer, I hope that if you aren't able to get away that you can at least enjoy your local park. When shielding finishes on 1<sup>st</sup> August me and my girls are planning a few bike rides and picnics and probably lots of ice cream and lollies.

Stay safe and look after those around you.

Well done for completing Year Three!

Love from Mrs Faber xxx

