

### **Good morning and welcome to your last week in Year 3!**

By now I hope that you have all read your reports and your goodbye letter from me (I thought that you'd like a picture of you altogether) and also your welcome letter by Miss Hill (she is extremely attached to her dog, Egg!).

It has been the strangest year and I have been sad not to have had a proper year with you, but I have been very proud of how you've got on, the new skills that you have learned over lock-down, the effort that you have continued to put in to your learning and the ways in which you have helped at home. It will be lovely to catch up with you all in September and I hope that you all have a great summer, with lots of lovely relaxation, laughter, fun and new experiences.

Be well, good and happy my lovelies, and see you all soon, Ms H-K xx

Remember that you can still get in touch with me at with any questions or to share with me how you've been getting on☺

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Special shout-outs go to...

Amber St - for becoming such a competent cook, baking cakes, biscuits and even dinner for the family

Amber Sm - having a great Sports Day

Max - baking the most delicious looking scones!

Evie - for being an absolute star with her school work, working so hard and really impressing us

Aleeza - for an unusual 24/7 candyfloss tale!

Ellie-Mae - for a brilliant 24/7 story about her sister the future superhero...

All the parents and carers - for keeping you safe, happy and busy all this time!

So you will see below that this week you do not have the normal daily schedule, with instead a focus on our creative activities, plus a chance to revisit areas that you may have missed over the last few months. I want you to see if there is any of our key learning in lockdown that you may need to go back and have a look at before we break up for the summer.

Have a look at the suggestions for the different subjects, catch up on any of the learning that you've missed that you know needs a bit more work, then enjoy some topic themed challenges😊.

### Numeracy

You have worked super hard at your maths targets this year, so well done all of you. For this last week I am popping LOTS of arithmetic tests on our class page. You don't have to do all of them this week, but they are there for you to practise the key skills we have worked on this year. Remember that the answers are at the end of each one - so no peeking first😊.

You have just finished our last unit on measures: confident use of the units of measure, being able to convert between them as well as measure with them and calculate with them are all key skills that you need not just in your school career, but also in real life - shock, horror! You will of course develop your use of measures each year, but make sure that you are now confident in the key measure facts and converting between them.

You will also see that I have remembered the Sudoku that I promised you before. One of these is the

next level up, so you may well have to resort to my tactic of writing the possible numbers for each square in tiny numbers in the corners 😊.

### Literacy

**Spellings:** take time this week to look at where you are with the Y3/4 words. Get someone to test you on the ones we have covered so far (I will let Miss Hill know where we've got to), just trying blocks of ten at a time. Any that you are still getting wrong, look again at our range of strategies and try a new way of learning the word. Remember that you can try:

- \* rainbow spellings
- \* pyramids or diamonds
- \* make a link (an island is land)
- \* make a mnemonic ('O U Lucky Duck!')
- \* muscle memory - Write it out again and again...until your fingers just remember how to write it!

**Grammar and Writing:** on our class page I have put a document for you - **Writing achievement statements - Tips to keep you ticking over**. These are the targets that are in the back of your literacy books at the moment. (You'll get to take your old books home in September 😊.) We'd ticked different ones off already together, and now I want you to look through to remind yourself of what we've done together. You will see that although we didn't have a full year together, we have worked towards ALL of these targets!

For each of the targets, I have explained what we've done, and for some of them there are little ideas

of things to do to practise them. If you do any writing over the holidays - maybe keeping a diary, writing postcards or setting yourself more story challenges - then keep in mind these targets and what you are aiming for in developing yourself as a writer.

Have confidence that you are on the way in your learning my lovelies, and you will get on well in Y4😊.

### Reading

Now none of you are on the last chapter yet, so I will set all the remaining chapters for you to read, plus I will still set the quizzes for each, plus a book review for you to do when you have finished the chapter. I'll leave the date open for the holidays so that the chapters will be there for you when you want them. Equally, if you want to crack on and finish your book over the week you could do that and hand your book review in on PM. I hope that you've enjoyed your books😊.

Have you all finished *Stig of the Dump* and *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*? If you've forgotten them, then go back to them over the holidays, either reading them yourself or with someone at home at bedtime. Don't forget that you'll need to bring them back in September!

### PSHE

When we first started home learning none of us ever imagined that we would be away from each other for so long. Back in April some of our parents shared the Covid Time Capsule resource with me, and it went on our class page in the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> April. When I look back at it now, I think about how much may have changed for each of us since then, all the things that we have done, or learnt, or made, all the ways in which we have helped someone or been helped, as well as the ways in which our feelings may have changed at different times - I'm sure that each of us has had both good and bad days over the last

months.

When we are back together, it will be good to share these experiences -I hope that each of you will be eager to bring in something you've made or a special memory that you have. Take some time this week to go back to that time capsule now and try one of the activities. You could maybe make a memory jar of this time, or make hand art for all the people who you shared lock down with.



It may be too that you are a little nervous about September. It is important that you remember that

these months have been very strange for everyone and when we come back together we will have time to enjoy being with each other again - being with familiar faces again, talking and playing with friends and maybe making new ones.

Worries can weigh us down though. A good way to stop this is to make a Worry Box. If you have a worry, write it down and put it in your Worry Box. Let the box worry about it once it is in there, then take it back out after a few days and have another think about it. Might anyone else have the same worry? What might help? Talk it through with someone.  
Hopefully your worry Box will be empty before long😊.

## PE

I hope that you all managed to run Sports Day at home last week and thanks for the pictures that you sent in. You will see that there is a new PE challenge this week, which is a competition. Look on our class page for the details.

## Topic and Creative choice

So we have now reached Cornwall and the last of the counties of the South West. On our page you will find the last of our Come to the Fair invitations, as well as a new County Challenge for you.

There have been lots of possible activities in the County Fairs over the last weeks, so you could also go back to your favourite county so far and try an activity that you didn't have time for before.

I hope that you've enjoyed exploring some of the beautiful English counties this half-term - and I also hope that you get out into the country or to a different county for a day trip or holiday over the coming weeks😊.