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Dear Parents

Well here we are at the end of week five with just one more week until everyone gets a well-deserved learning break. I have to say that the commitment towards the remote learning from both parents and children has been phenomenal and teachers have been extremely impressed with the attendance during the live sessions and the quality of the work being submitted. Well done to all of you, we know this has been no easy task - as teachers, we would rather teach your children as opposed to our own!

Moving forward, we have three more weeks of remote learning, possibly more. Your constructive feedback over time has helped ensure we get the balance right in terms of workload for all concerned. At least, we feel we have. Please, please, if you feel there are ways in which we can improve our remote learning offer for your child, get in touch and communicate this to your child's class teacher so that provision can be tweaked. If we don't know then we can't do much to help.

I would also like to say a huge thank you for the appreciation so many of you have shown towards our class teachers. The way in which they have adapted to the remote learning regime as well as maintain teaching and learning for those in school has been nothing short of commendable. Your kind comments and supportive communications have kept them going.

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and whilst I understand the importance of such a focus, we should be mindful of everyone's mental health on a daily basis. Make sure you are managing to get out and about regularly for that walk/jog/cycle and take time to enjoy quality family time together, playing a game, watching a movie or cooking a meal together. These activities are as important, if not more so, than identifying fronted adverbials!

When we reach the half term point, have a well-earned rest from learning and enjoy the sunshine that must surely be coming our way.

Keep yourselves safe.

Kindest regards

Helen Ward