

Dear Harley, Heidi, Olivia, Ollie, Lillie-Mae, James, Jenna, Ayesha, Layla, Pippa, Christopher, Charlie, Emily, Amelia, Jacob, Brooklyn and Aliyana (also known as Pelaw Superstars!)

I hope that you and your parents, carers and families are all well. I am missing you all so much and it seems like a long time since we were at school, learning and having fun. Mrs Evans, Mrs Petty, Miss Watson, Miss Butler and Miss Brannen all say hello and hope you are well. I hope you are enjoying the work you brought home from school and are showing your grown-ups how clever you are. You are all very kind and helpful children and I am sure that you are doing lots of lovely things for the people in your house and spreading lots of happiness. I hope you are remembering to keep your bedrooms and toys tidy and to be kind to people.

I brought Fred, Walt and Jim home with me as I thought they would get up to lots of mischief if I left them at school. Yesterday they read Mr Spellman and I a story - can you see what it was? (Look at the photo at the bottom of this letter.) It might be nice for you to share a favourite book with your toys and the people in your house. Today we are all going to do dough disco and Mr Spellman is really looking forward to that. We haven't actually got any dough, so we are going to use our imagination and pretend that we have - maybe you could do the same.

Mrs Jennings and Mrs Hedges have kindly offered to help me set up something called ClassDojo, which the Whizz Kids are doing already, and it means that we can keep in touch more easily. If your grown-ups would like be part of this, please send an email to [bullionwhizzkids@durhamlearning.net](mailto:bullionwhizzkids@durhamlearning.net) with your name (child). This is a link to the website: [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)

There are lots of ideas on the school website to help with your learning at home, and here are some more websites and YouTube channels for you and your grown-ups to use:

#### English and Maths

- ☺ [ruthmiskin.com](http://ruthmiskin.com) (This is linked to the ReadWriteInc programme we follow at school. There is a YouTube channel which is showing phonics lessons every day-Monday to Friday - and is very good)
- ☺ Mr T's Phonics (Mr Thorne and Geraldine the giraffe have an amazing time teaching phonics)
- ☺ Jack Hartmann Kids Music Channel (There are lots of fun songs on here about a variety of subjects. We do the counting and exercise songs regularly, which the children really enjoy -move over Joe Wicks!)
- ☺ [crickweb.co.uk](http://crickweb.co.uk) and [topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk) are both very good for English and maths activities as well as a variety of other subjects

#### General

- ☺ Spread the happiness TV on YouTube (The amazing and highly entertaining Shonette Bason-Wood is doing daily dough disco sessions from Monday to Friday. She also has a list of 100 things to do indoors for kids and 60 things for adults to do indoors too.)
- ☺ The Learning Station (There are some great songs on here, including Herman the worm!)
- ☺ [theimaginationtree.com](http://theimaginationtree.com) (There are lots of play activities on this site and a survival guide (!) to support home schooling.)

I am going to finish writing this letter now and go on a word and number hunt around my house with Fred, Walt and Jim - why don't you have a go at doing the same as we always had lots of fun at school looking for spiders, shapes, the gingerbread man and Olaf! I wonder what you will find?

Stay safe and keep smiling, Pelaw Superstars. Love from Mrs Spellman, Fred, Walt and Jim

P.S. I hope that you grown-ups are all keeping well, and I'm thinking about you too during this difficult time.

