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Friday 5th March

Dear Parents,

For everyone's sake I hope that the full reopening is the final chapter in the COVID saga book that we all wish was never written! Please can I urge everyone to read the information we sent out this week about staggered starts and finishes since adhering to this guidance might just help the book to finish with '...and they all lived happily ever after!' Someone who recently lost a family member to COVID reminded me that it only takes 1 person who is contagious to infect 1 other person and before you know it, we are having to close bubbles at school with parents and children being required to self-isolate for 10 days. Socialising at the school gate is so important to most of us and also great fun but please, please not until after 21st June.

When the children come back next week, there will be time spent on getting pupils back into routine with a focus on teaching in core subjects, at pace. During the last 2 weeks of this term, children will be assessed to find out how close they are to the expected or exceeding standard relative to their age group. We will then know what they can do and, more importantly, what they can't do with the aim of teaching what they have not yet grasped. Towards the end of the summer term, they will be assessed in a similar manner with the comparison being indicative of what progress has been made. We will of course be inviting you to parents' meetings to discuss your child's efforts and achievements.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who have spent time giving feedback. There have been many lovely comments about remote learning expressing gratitude for staff's efforts to support the education of the children, but also comments that were not as positive; we have tried to listen and act on them wherever possible.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and good luck on Monday where, for many families, parents will have their first day back at work with no children to educate!

Clare Claxton, Executive Headteacher

This week in Otter class, we have looked at the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker. We first produced our own collage of what we can see from our window whether we are working from home or in school. We then created the collage using a variety of media to reproduce nature and using objects to print textured backgrounds. In English, we then wrote our own poems based on the book. We hope you enjoy reading some of them!



The Window

Draw back the curtains.
Maybe outside there's
a tree waving, or a blackbird singing,
a cyclist peddling
or mist floating.

Draw back the curtains.
Maybe outside there's
a pigeon perching, or a branch
swaying,
a walker puffing
or a cloud disappearing.

Draw back the curtains.
Maybe outside there's
a car passing, or a tractor working
a dog panting
or wind whistling.

Draw back the curtains.
Maybe outside there's
a daffodil blooming, or a leaf uncurling
a bench waiting
or a beautiful spring day.

By Felicity

The Window

Draw back the curtains.
Maybe outside there's
a small car or a black moving van,
a perching eagle
or a strong, strolling dog .

Draw back the curtains .
Maybe a blue tit is searching for
skinny worms .
Maybe you'll see a fresh leaf,
or a green bush,
or the picture
of an ancient lime tree .

Draw back the curtains.
If there's a sapling,
It will grow big and tall .

Draw back the curtains.
Even if there's only
shining , silver moonlight .

Go and open the window.
If there is nature,
There will be life.

By Winter

Week ending 5th March:

Golden Notebook Nominations

Oliver, Emmie, Aiden, Winter, Billy,
Merryn, Grace and Leigh

Value Nominations

Well done to everyone
Bonnie, Max, Cameron, Marco, Jamie
and Joshua



Our Value of the month is
Forgiveness