

Dear Year 2,

I hope that you are all well and have had a fabulous week. I'm really impressed with how hard you are all still working to complete your home learning tasks and Mrs Hounsell and I have loved seeing the photos of what you have been up to. Opening your e-mails and messages are a very special part of our day, so please keep sending them to us at info@st-joes.dudley.sch.uk

I'm really glad that so many of you have enjoyed our work based on the books of Anthony Browne. I've loved all the stories and character descriptions you have written. Well done. Did you all guess that 'Little Beauty' is my favourite Anthony Browne book? Obviously, it's because it is about a kitten and, as you know, I love cats! Although this week both Murphy and Layla have been rather mischievous and caused lots of chaos around the house by knocking things over and scratching doors and walls!

This week in school our key worker children spent some time thinking about superheroes. We thought about Batman, Captain America, Spiderman, Superman, Wonder Woman and so many others. Then we thought about the powers these characters have: flight, invisibility, x-ray vision, super strength, mind reading to name but a few. The children then imagined what they might do or see if they had a superpower and wrote about it. Whilst the children were doing their work, I began to think about my favourite superheroes and I thought of — **YOU!** You have all been so amazing over the past few months. Everything has changed for you – you've had to stay at home, you've had to stay away from friends and family and you've had to 'learn to learn' in a different way. It's been really hard ...but you have done it. You have been strong and brave and have kept on going. Above all you have kept me going by making me smile with your letters and photos. You have inspired me so much. You are all my superheroes! Thank you.





One thing that superheroes do is bring hope to people. This week in our R.E. lessons, you will be learning about a special appeal that has been launched by CAFOD. It's called 'The Summer of Hope' and challenges us all to do **one little thing** to change the world for those who have found it hard to stay safe and well through this pandemic. Have a look at our home learning pack for more information. It doesn't take much to

make a difference and I can't wait to see what you will do to make the world a better place for others. Look out for photos of what I'm doing to meet this challenge in next week's letter.

Next week is also **National School Sports Week**. Look out for more details about this in our school newsletter. There are some sporting activities that you can do at home and some challenge tasks too. I'd love to see what you do, so please send lots of photos to me at our usual e-mail address.

I hope that you all have a brilliant week and that Lois has a very happy 7th birthday on Thursday.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you all again soon.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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The cats have been very lazy this week!

