

Dear Year 2,

I hope that you are all well and healthy and have had a chance to enjoy the sunshine this week. Thank you so much for bringing extra sunshine into my life through all the photos you have continued to send in. I love seeing all your work, but most of all I love seeing your smiling faces.

Recently, I have been thinking quite a lot about what makes me happy. I love listening to the birds sing in the morning; I love family film nights; I love sitting in the garden in the evening sunshine and, as you all know, I really love chocolate. Because I want to concentrate on all the positive things I have in my life right now, I've set up a "Happiness Jar". The idea is that you find a jar – always ask a grown up first - and decorate it in any way you choose! Then when something makes you happy, write it down on a piece of paper and pop it in your jar. At the end of the year, open it up and look at your notes to remind yourself of all the good things that have happened even during these strange, and sometimes difficult, days.



I can't believe that it's half term already! Because next week is a holiday, there will be no new home learning until the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. However, if you need something to do, why don't you have a go at designing a book token. You can find all the details at <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class>. If you enter, you might win a special prize for yourself – and the rest of the class. You could also complete any unfinished activities on Education City. But, of course, the most important thing to do is to take time to enjoy being with your family and play in the sun.

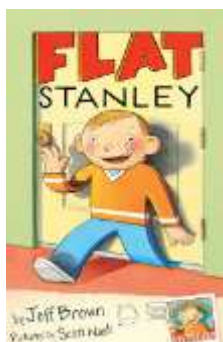


Half term would also be a great time to catch up on your reading. When I was younger I loved the story of "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown. It's a story about Stanley Lambchop, who wakes up one morning to find a notice board has dropped on him in the night, leaving him happy and healthy, but only just

over a few centimetres thick. Stanley then finds he can fly like a kite, go on holiday through the post and even use his special skills to foil a burglary at the local art gallery. He has so many adventures. If you haven't heard of him before, why don't you try this book for size at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVsiFx9ZyFo&t=65s>.

Please also look out for a special 'Flat Stanley' –or rather 'Flat Teacher'- surprise heading your way during half term, which will give you some other fun activities to complete over the next couple of weeks. Don't forget to send photos of what you have been up as part of this project to [info@st-jost.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-jost.dudley.sch.uk).



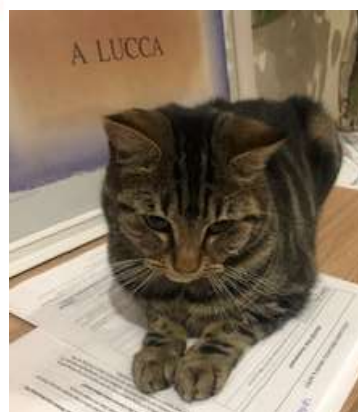
This week I've been writing your reports, which has kept me really busy but also made me miss you more! To distract myself, I've made sure that I've been on a couple of long walks every day and caught up with some online learning of my own. The cats have not been impressed with how much time I've spent on the computer!

Please take care of yourselves and your families over the half term holiday. You are all a very special part of our St Joseph's community, and you are all greatly missed. Mrs Hounsell and I can't wait to see you all again.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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*You're  
Amazing*

Peanut really doesn't like it when I have work to do!

