



Dear Year 2,

I hope you have all had a fabulous week that has been filled with lots of love and lots of laughter.

I have had a lovely time this week working with our key worker children in school, where we were learning all about the U.S.A. The children have had lots of fun drawing famous landmarks as well as characters from Dr Seuss. (I love his books, especially Green Eggs and Ham, which was one of my Joe's favourites when he was little. We read it so often that I can now recite most of it from memory!) We have used some fabulous YouTube tutorials at **Art for Kids Hub** to help develop our skills. They have some amazing ideas that are really easy to follow. Perhaps this is something you could try at home. If you do, I'd love to see your results so please send photos of any drawings you do to me at [info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk).

Can you believe that it is July and we are now only two weeks away from the end of term? It really doesn't seem two minutes since you came into our classroom in September! On that first day, lots of you were a little shy and uncertain about what life in Year 2 would be like. But you have met every challenge that this year has thrown at you with brilliant smiles and great strength. You have worked so hard to complete all your learning - both in school and at home. This has made Mrs Hounsell and I so proud of you. But, what has made us even more proud is that you have also shown that you are truly global citizens with hearts full of love and compassion for others. You have painted rainbows, clapped for carers, met up with friends on Zoom, sent letters and messages to each other and shown you care in so many ways over these past few months. You are amazing children and have shone so brightly even in the darkest of times. You are more than ready for Year 3 and I know that you will be brilliant.

Clemency drew a fabulous picture of all our class that you may have seen on Instagram. I think this is an incredible piece of work and will definitely be a very important part of my 2020 Memory Box. Here it is in case you missed it.



Thank you so much for all the letters for your new teacher that have already been sent in. (Don't worry if you haven't done this yet – you still have a little more time.) I have loved reading them and have particularly enjoyed finding out even more about you. Mrs Hounsell and I are going to miss you all **SO** much next year!

We will be doing some more transition activities in the last week of term that will help you further prepare for the move into KS2. Look out for them on our website from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. In the meantime there will be some other home learning tasks for you to complete this week. I think you will really enjoy the work I have set for our English lessons, as it combines art, poetry and writing- three things that you are all very good at. Our work is based on a poem by Edward Lear called **The Quangle Wangle's Hat**. Do you remember when we learned about The Owl and the Pussy Cat earlier this year? Well, that poem was also by Edward Lear. However The Quangle Wangle's Hat is even funnier, so I know you will love it and I can't wait to see what you do. Please remember to send lots of photos of your work to me at [info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk).



Miss no single  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
of making some  
**SMALL SACRIFICE,**  
here by a smiling look,  
there by a kindly word;  
**ALWAYS**  
doing the smallest right  
and doing it all  
**FOR LOVE.**

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

As I mentioned in my last letter, I organised a sponsored family quiz night last weekend to raise money to buy some Education Packs as part of CAFOD's Summer of Hope Appeal. I'm pleased to report that we raised enough to buy 4 packs, which are hopefully now on their way to help some children get back to school. Don't forget to let me know what you're doing to complete this R.E. challenge activity. Remember, it doesn't have to be something big. As our class saint, St. Therese of Lisieux teaches us, even little things count so long as they are done with great love- and you all have hearts that are bursting with love.

This week we will be celebrating a few birthdays in Year 2. Annie will be 7 on Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> July) and Ethan will celebrate his birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Hounsell and I hope that you all have fabulous days.

Keep working hard Year 2 and have a brilliant week.

I can't wait to hear from you all again soon.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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Bella is **SO** cute when she is asleep!

