

Dear Year 2,

I hope that you have all had a fabulous half term and that you have been able to get out and about to enjoy the glorious sunshine. I also hope that you've enjoyed the 'Flat Teacher' project. Thank you to everyone who has sent in photos- I've really loved seeing all the things that 'we' have been up to. I've definitely been on lots of bike rides and played lots of games. I've even been for a swim! Please keep sending your photos, as I'm really excited to see what else 'we' have been doing 'together'.



All the messages you send me are really special and have made being away from you a little easier. I've even created a memory box to keep them in. I know this is a very strange time, but it is also a moment in history that we will be talking about for many years to come. I will certainly tell my future grandchildren all about our weeks in lockdown and your letters will be a huge part of that. They have really meant so much to me. Thank you.



Next week is the start of our last half term of the school year. This year has certainly not been the year we imagined back in September and Mrs Hounsell and I have really missed being able to share so many activities with you. Remote teaching isn't the same, but I know that all the teachers and staff at our wonderful little school will do their best to make it up to you once we return to our classrooms. In the meantime, keep smiling and stay strong.

Look out for some more home learning tasks next week. There will be some new 'Chilli Challenges' as well as some more maths, R.E. and writing activities. For our English work over the next few weeks, we will be looking at books written by the fabulous Anthony Browne. He is one of my favourite children's authors and my children also loved him when they were younger. I wonder if you have read any of his books? I think you will really like them.

Anthony Browne actually came to visit St Joseph's a few years ago and my Joe - who was about your age at the time - was incredibly impressed when Anthony Browne drew a picture



especially for him. I would usually bring this into school to share with you, but, for the moment, a photograph will have to do.



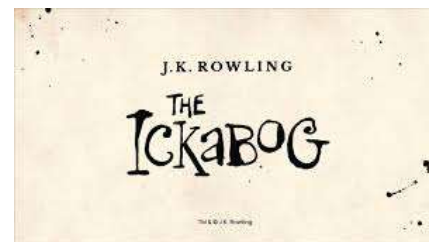
I know lots of you have had birthdays since we were last in school and I want to wish 'Happy Birthday' to Murray, Orla, Bella, Katie, Rhodri, Chris, Rose and Clemency. I hope you all had wonderful days with lots of cake and special times.

My half term has been very quiet. I was supposed to be in Italy, but have had to make do with the back garden! Fortunately my garden is very tranquil so has been a great place to catch up with some reading. I'd love to know what you have all been reading at home. Maybe your grown up could take a photo of you with your favourite book and send it to me. That would be brilliant and might give me some more ideas for books to add to my shelf.

Those of you who like Harry Potter might be interested in a new story J.K. Rowling story. It's called 'The Ickabog' and you can read it online at

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

There's even a competition to create some illustrations.



I hope that you all have a fabulous weekend and I'm looking forward to hearing all about your half term holiday soon.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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The cats are always very lazy when the sun shines!

