

Dear Year 2,

How are you all? I hope you and your families are happy, safe, well and, most importantly, still smiling. Remember what we say in class about smiles; they make the person you smile at so happy that they have to pass that smile on - and that is very important right now. So keep smiling at your parents, your brothers and sister and the people you see in the street when you go out for your daily exercise. It will make everyone feel better.

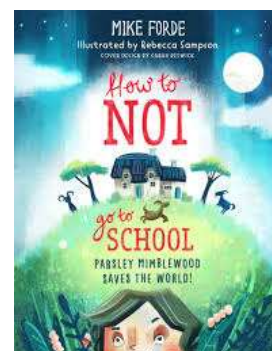


One thing that has made me smile a lot this week is seeing all the amazing things you have been doing during our lockdown. I know that learning at home is tricky, especially if your mummies and daddies are busy with their own work or you have to share laptops or tablets with your brothers and sisters. It's even worse when the Internet stops working, which has happened a lot in my house this week! I want you to remember that the tasks I set are only a guide. Just do whatever you can and please don't worry about anything. You are exactly where you need to be at the moment- safe at home. We will sort out everything else once we are back in school. In the meantime, keep doing your best. Mrs Hounsell and I are so proud of you.

If you are finding leaning from home a little bit harder, have a look at this book at

<https://parsleymimblewood.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/parsleymimblewoodsavestheworld.pdf>

It's free to download and is a lovely story about a little girl who knows all about not being able to go to school.



Next week our home learning is all about one of my favourite books – 'Diary of a Wombat' by Jackie French. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. Look out for a picture of one of the cats in our English Home Learning file!

I was actually in school this week with some of our key worker children. We learned about V.E. Day and even tried some war-time food. It was lots of fun but something was missing... all of **YOU!** I miss all the laughter in our classroom; I miss the smiles and the singing; I miss the chats and the stories; I miss Mrs Hounsell but most of all I miss you. You are all such a special part of my life and I am blessed to be your teacher.

I'm sure you will be pleased to know that Whiskers the cat is now fully recovered and getting into all sorts of mischief. We thought we had lost him yesterday, but he was sleeping at the bottom of the laundry basket! Then this morning I heard a strange noise and it took me ages to find what it was. It was Whiskers who had managed to get himself locked in the wardrobe!

Today we have been celebrating V.E. Day by decorating the house with red white and blue bunting and a picnic in the garden. I'll send you some pictures next week but, in the meantime, I'd love to see how you celebrated. Please send photos to me at info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk

Please take care and stay safe.



With love,

Mrs Riley

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“Hello” from Peanut. Whiskers still wouldn't stay still long enough for me to take a photo. I'll try again for next week!