

Dear Year 2,

I hope that you are all well and safe and have had a good week.



This week has been a really good one for me as one of my boys, Adam, was finally able to come and visit us because of the changes to the lockdown rules. We had a lovely picnic in the garden – 2m away from each other! I was so grateful to be able to see him and have thought a lot more about gratitude as a result. I know that when there are so many things we can't do it's hard to find things to appreciate, but they are there- if you look closely. One of my friends sent me this 'Gratitude Scavenger Hunt' and I really enjoyed completing it, so I thought I'd share it with you. Maybe you'd like to have a go yourself.

Obviously, for me, the cats were the answer to challenge 4! I wonder what you will collect? I'd love you to share what you do with me at info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk

As you all know, reading is one of my favourite things to do – it was my answer to challenge 1 – and I have made sure to make some time each day during our lockdown to read a book. If you have run out of new things to read, you might like to check out the summer reading challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in>



This challenge gives you the opportunity to discover new books to read, play games and unlock reading badges! It sounds like lots of fun and I think you will really enjoy it.

You might also like to read a new book illustrated by David Litchfield - the author of 'The Bear and the Piano' that we used in class last year. It's called 'Rain Before Rainbows' and you can download it at <http://stayhome.walker.co.uk/rainbows/>. It's a really uplifting story all about how there is always hope and light. I loved reading it and it made me feel very happy. Let me know what you think.

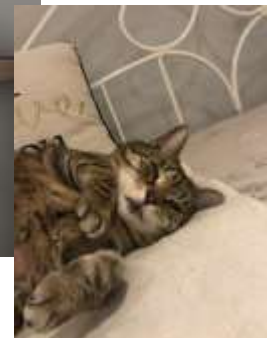
This week Mrs Hounsell and I have been in school with our key worker children. We have been learning about bubbles and the children have written some fabulous poetry, done lots of maths, celebrated Pentecost and learned all about the United Kingdom. It has been lots of fun but has made both of us miss you even more. So please keep sending the fabulous photos of all that you are doing at home as they make us so happy.

I hope that you all have a brilliant weekend and I'm looking forward to hearing from you all again next week. I'd also like to wish 'Happy Birthday' to Archie who will be 7 on Wednesday.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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Peanut and Layla are still being very lazy!



