

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020

Dear Class 5,

Firstly, I am missing you greatly, especially all our funny moments, giggles and when we just start talking about random things! I hope you are all safe and well and had a lovely Easter holiday with lots yummy things to eat. My sister is helping out and delivering food for us and I did request a few Easter eggs: I managed to make my three last a whole week - I don't know if that's disciplined or not! They were only the small 75p ones, so maybe it's not too bad!

We have been so lucky with the weather the last few weeks. I hope you have been able to enjoy some time outside in the garden or going for walks or bike rides with your family. As well as doing my school work I have spent a lot of the Easter holiday getting our new house ready for the baby, so I have been learning myself! I used a steamer to remove wallpaper, which when you get a really long strip that comes off in one go is very satisfying! I have also been painting walls and, before that, filling all those little holes you get from time to time, so they are nice and smooth before painting. I even used a crowbar to remove old skirting boards! This has kept me moving and kept me fit, which is really important at the moment.

The baby is doing well, I have still been able to have my midwife appointments, even though our doctors is pretty much closed. She's wriggling lots, particularly after dinner and makes us chuckle with her gymnastics - I think she's inherited my abilities there and is doing round-offs!

I wonder what you have all been doing. Have any of you done anything for the first time or learned a new skill? Please do send photos of you have - I'd love to see them!

Have you noticed any changes to the wildlife around you? I was on the phone with my parents last week and noticed a bird of prey sat on our fence! Mr Mifflin took a photo of it and we thought it was a baby buzzard, but you can probably guess who we contacted to find out what it was! Yes, Mr Dougan set us straight that it was in fact a male sparrow hawk. I have attached his picture below for you to see. It sat on our fence for about 30 minutes looking around (then it decided to leave us a lovely runny present ...on our barbecue which I was not happy about!) Mr Dougan said a few people have seen sparrow hawks lately as they're becoming braver with less people about.

I hope that you have been keeping up with your reading and been having a go at some of the learning that has been sent home. I'd love to hear if you've been using any "real life" maths, maybe in cooking or timing when you're exercising. Do also enjoy this time, it happens but once in a lifetime and you are part of living history - schools in the future will study this as a significant world event and you are living through it - you are part of history! Your parents have been told how you can write back to me, so if you have time and would like to, I would love to know what you have been up to in these unusual times.

Looking forward to hearing your news,

Take care of each other, be kind and stay safe.

Mrs Mifflin (and bump)



Our sparrow hawk