

Dear 4AM,

What a week this has been. I have missed you all and hope that you are doing well. I also hope that you have all had the chance to complete some of your learning booklets but also spent some time playing and having fun with your family. I have been checking your Bug Club and MyMaths to see how you have been getting on and was extremely proud that some of you had finished ALL of your books, so as challenge, I have set some new ones! I am hoping to see even more logins after Easter...I can see that some of you are yet to complete your MyMaths homework or visit Bug Club. If you have forgotten your password, please email the school. We are still here to help you.

This week I have been starting to write all of your reports and it is reminding me of all the great times that we have had together this year and also all the amazing progress you have made over the year. I know that you must be finding it difficult to focus on your school work at home as it is very different from what we normally do. I too am having to get used to concentrating at home. I'm finding it helpful to take breaks every now and again to walk around a bit and have a drink and visit the fruit bowl - I am trying to limit my trips to the chocolate cupboard!

I've also been trying to get outside every day to take in some fresh air and sunshine. I have started running again which I haven't done for a while because I don't like running in the winter when it's freezing cold. It's funny because when I go running I have to weave in and out of everyone to make sure I'm not getting too close to other runners! I have heard that Joe Wicks is doing a P.E. lesson every morning at 9am. I wonder if any of you have been joining in?

I know this is a scary time for lots of us and it is really hard not knowing what is happening next. However, I have read some good articles recently that have reminded me the positives of this unusual time. School life can be very busy and our families can live very busy lives so I hope you are all enjoying having some time to slow down, spend time with people that you love and try new things. I am still trying to read 12 books this year and I am now very excited as I have nearly finished my fourth book- I am nearly ahead of schedule! My family and friends all live quite far away so I am trying to call them or Facetime every day to check up on them and have a chat. Maybe if you haven't already, you could give a friend or family a call and see how they are doing?

I'm sincerely looking forward to when we will be together again, to hear about your home learning, the hobbies you've taken up and the experiences you've shared with your family. Keep learning and smiling and don't forget to squeeze in some fun!

A little challenge to leave you with: as I know, from our swimming walks, that many of you like a good riddle! What word contains 26 letters, but only has three syllables?

If you would like to reply to me, please email the Year 4 email: year4lfp@theparkfederation.org

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Miles

P.S. I wonder if anyone can find ALL of the language features that I have used in this letter?