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To my energetic and funny class,

I really hope that you are all staying safe and healthy, and that you are enjoying spending some time with your families. The weather outside is starting to improve and hopefully you have had a chance to enjoy some time outside.

Life for you all is no doubt extremely different at the minute, and needless to say it is for me too. I miss all your smiling faces in the morning. I miss you all telling me how to do my job (not mentioning any names!), I miss Melissa not being able to turn the lights on, I miss you all asking for raffle tickets and squabbling about table points, I miss Marco's wise words ('precisely!') and I miss you all wishing me a lovely lunchtime. Most of all, I miss our time to learn and have fun together every day.

I thought this poem summed up well how teachers are feeling at the moment:

### A Teacher's World

Times - they are now changing,  
We've been asked to stay indoors,  
And although it's safer for our health,  
It means we're not in school any more.

So your teachers wish to tell you,  
They've missed you every day,  
Their days just haven't been the same,  
Since you all went away.

We miss your smiling faces,  
Each morning in our class,  
We miss your many questions,  
We miss your jokes and laughs!

We hope our school  
Can soon go back,  
To just how it used to be,  
But until we safely return,  
There's one thing you can do for me.

Please remember you are special in every way,  
And in everything you do,  
Dedicate time to your learning,  
Choose a challenge; choose a few!

We know that you'll be wonderful,  
In trying all we've set,  
You've made us so proud every day,  
So don't give up just yet!

We hope and hope  
and hope some more,  
To see you very soon,  
A teacher's world is just too empty,  
Without our students in the room.



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This week, I have spent lots of time reflecting on everything we have learned since January and realising how far you have all come. I have also decided to try and start learning some yoga - needless to say I am falling over a lot at the minute, but practise makes perfect! Maybe you could use this time to learn something new! I have also been in touch with my family in Derbyshire and checked that they are all okay. Make sure that you are asking if your family if they are okay, and if you are feeling a bit anxious remember to talk about it with your family- it is an unsettling for us all.

I have been keeping up to date with your learning at home and can see that (nearly) all of you are practising your times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars as well as on MyMaths. A few special mentions must go to:

**Antoine**, who I can see has improved his gig game score from 54 to 95 out of 100 - AMAZING!! - the practise is obviously working!

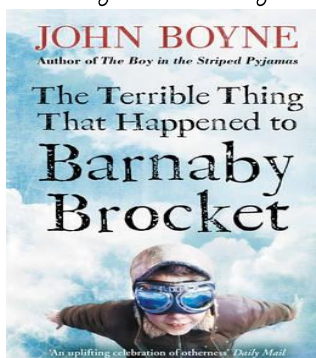
A big congratulations to the 'Rock Legends' that are: **Wilf, Kasper, Benji, Zac, Kana, Melissa** and **Joe**, who are all as quick as lightening, answering their times tables in under 2 seconds each.

I checked how we are doing in comparison with other local school and **we are in THIRD place!** See the results below - we are not far away from being in top place but it takes **everyone** to get their speeds up!:

Stats Dashboard		Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Kingsgate Primary School	2.41
2	St Augustine's CE High, London	2.49
3	Emmanuel CE Primary School, London	2.71

What have you all been reading while you are at home? I would love to hear some of your book reviews.

One of my favourite books that I think all of you would love is 'The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Rocket' by John Boyne.



Barnaby Rocket's parents want only thing - to lead an utterly normal life. But when Barnaby, their third child is born, they know at once that he is very far from normal. The problem is, Barnaby cannot stay on the ground; he floats ever upwards unless weighted down or restrained. Embarrassed by their problem son and the attention he may attract, Barnaby's parents let him go...Now a free spirit and travelling in many different ways, Barnaby's adventures take him across the world where he meets all kinds of people who, just because they are not exactly what their parents want them to be, have been similarly disowned by their parents.



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Remember, if you are feeling worried or need to talk to someone while school is closed, you can talk to a trusted adult at home or you can drop Mrs Watkins an email at [wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk)  
Childline also have lots of information that you might find useful. Click on the links below.

- information about [Coronavirus](#)
- [Calm Zone](#) - activities to help let go of stress
- [games](#) to help take your mind off things
- [Childline Kids](#), a website for under 12s.
- Childline can also give confidential help and advice. Calls to 0800 1111 are free or children can [get support online](#).

Next week, I will be logging on to MyMaths and leaving a comment for you on how you are doing so look out for that!

Miss Fitzsimmons has asked your parents if they would like to send in any tips or funny stories from this week whilst you are learning at home. Speak to your parents if you would like to do this for next week's newsletter.

I will be sending a 'Class Newsletter' every Friday. In the meantime, remember our school values and look after your parents as they try hard to work and be teachers too!

Mr Edwards