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To my lovely class,

How are you all? It's funny asking 'how was your Easter holiday?' because I know that, like mine, yours was probably no different to a normal week right now. I enjoyed having time away from school work; I did some painting around the house and some crafty stuff. Hopefully you at least had some Easter eggs and some fun in the sun!

I hope you have enjoyed the first week of your summer term learning. I have been planning for next week and am excited about the lessons I have planned for you. I wish we could do them together because I miss seeing you all, and all the wonderful things that you create. If you do something at home that you are proud of, and you would like me to see it, remember that you can email it to the school's admin address. On Wednesday, I stumbled upon an article on the BBC website about looking for the shipwreck of the Endurance - Ernest Shackleton's boat. What a coincidence! It's an interesting article, so have a read of it if you get time. I might even use it for guided reading next week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-52376090>

It is important to remember that learning at home is so different to learning in school, and it's totally ok if you don't understand something. I have tried to break the lessons down into small steps so just try your best, and if you don't understand something, make a note of it, and we can go over it again when we are back in school. I have been so busy planning your learning that I haven't done much else this week, apart from a few evening-runs over to Primrose Hill.

However, there was one fun thing that I did make time for - hopefully it will make you laugh!

I read an article about how the staff at the National Portrait Gallery have been recreating paintings from its collection. It turns out, people from all over the world are doing it and they call it 'Getty Museum Challenge' (The Getty is a gallery in Los Angeles). All you have to do is choose one of your favourite paintings, and then recreate it with objects from around your home.



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Mr Edwards joined me in the challenge, but don't worry, we emailed each other our pictures and put them together on Photoshop. It made me laugh a lot! The painting that we chose is called 'American Gothic' and is by Grant Wood. It was painted in 1930.



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I tried to make my face look really long on the computer - just like the miserable looking lady in the painting! I also like how Mr Edwards is holding a Dyson rather than a pitchfork. If you have a go, email me your photo. You might even want to do it with your whole family. It's a great reason to explore some art history.

Next week, I am hoping to get a bit more reading done in the evenings. For all you budding readers out there, I found a nice website <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>. It is a great way to find new books and new authors. For each book (and there are over 3000) it gives you a summary and an extract. It even has new releases. I enjoyed reading the first chapter of the latest book 'Viper's Daughter' in the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series by Michelle Paver (the author of Wolf Brother). If you would like to find out what adventure Torak and Renn are up to, check it out!

Axel Scheffler has illustrated a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. Do have a read by clicking on the link below:

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler>

Finally, there are two things to look forward to next week! Firstly, I will be giving you and your family a telephone call once a week to say a quick hello; I'm really looking forward to speaking to you then!



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Secondly, I am going to hold a 'class catch-up' once a week on Zoom, which some of your parents and carers may be using for their work. It allows you to see and speak to other people at the same time and when you use it, you will be able to see 9 of your class mates at once! Your parents/carers will be sent an email with the day and time of our catch-up and make sure you read the pupil guide that has been made with some top tips for you to remember when you use Zoom.

Stay safe.

Miss McManus x

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](#)