

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

From Mrs Eley....

Hi everyone, I can't believe it is May already. I hope you are all well and that the beautiful sunshine that we were all enjoying comes back next week. I wanted to start this week by saying a huge well done for the work you are doing at home with the children. I know it can't be easy and it must be so difficult to try and fit in alongside everything else that you are doing, so thank you. I know that some of you are worried about your children falling behind, please don't be concerned, we will do everything in our power to help the children catch up when things get back to normal but in order for us to do this we need the children to be happy, confident and healthy so that's the main learning objective for the next few weeks! Please look out for resources about VE day on Seesaw next week. There are a lot of them so just try to complete the ones that you feel are most suitable for your child. I know some of you will have watched the Government briefing last night and I will obviously keep you informed of any changes in school closures as soon as we know anything definite. Our academy trust are working very hard on this too and please be assured that the safety of the children and the staff will always be the main driver when making decisions, in line with government policy.

**To the children:** I want to start by telling you how pleased your teachers are with the work you are doing at home. I have met most of your teachers now and they are all fine, just missing you loads. They are coming into school on a rota basis but mostly they are working from home writing your reports (which I am really looking forward to reading), looking after their own families and completing online training to help you even more when you come back to school. Your adults at home are doing their absolute best to help you with your work, please be kind to them and don't moan when they ask you to get some school work done. Being at home won't ever be the same as being at school and we don't expect you to be doing work all day, but we do need you to keep your brain active and healthy so you're ready to come back to school when the government decide it is safe to do so. I know many of you are missing your friends and may be able to talk to them on the phone or online. Please remember everything we have taught you about being safe online, it's even more important now than ever.

Next Friday is a very important day because it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. It is called VE (Victory in Europe) day. There will be lots of activities on Seesaw including information sheets, bunting to colour or make, a video to watch and some wartime recipes to make (if you can get the ingredients!). It would be lovely if you could put on some photos of what you have done.



I thought you might like to see a photo of my Grandad's army helmet that he wore during World War Two. Can you spot the dent in the top? What do you think could have made that? Don't worry he came home from the war safely.

I'm still looking forward to meeting you all soon. Stay safe!