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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe that we are just finishing our sixth week in lockdown. This is a very long time for our pupils to be away from school, their teachers, their friends and the routines of a school day. We know many children and staff are missing the daily interactions and the regular timetable of activities within the school week.

There has been much in the news this week, focusing on schools re-opening. Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, commented that "he was keen for schools to return as soon as was safely possible because of the disruption to pupils' learning and there would be a staged return, with schools given "proper notice" to prepare. All schools returning on day one with a full complement of pupils would not be realistic."

Headteachers are yet to be given clear guidance on when and how schools will be re-opening, but as soon as I have concrete information from the Government I will share this with you. Sandfield staff will carefully risk assess our school re-opening, with social distancing a key priority, in order to keep all children and staff safe.

Our home learning platforms: SeeSaw and Tapestry have been actively used by many of our pupils this week. As time moves on, some children may be finding this trickier, so please engage with your classteacher through the SeeSaw or Tapestry Apps and let them know. Our Sandfield staff are all here to support children and their families and sometimes a personal video or phone call to your child is encouraging and motivating!

This week's home learning highlights have been:

- Reception children making maps to trick their families, by preventing them from finding their precious items. Mrs Farmer has also seen some amazingly creative counting this week using a variety of household objects.
- In Year 1, children have continued with their learning based on the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. The children have created some fantastic descriptions of a lobster using some excellent adjectives. They have also enjoyed creating their own 'Kipper race' after watching the video of Mrs Whiting's grandchildren and making a scroll with a story from the Torah on it. Mrs Holloway and Mrs Whiting have loved hearing the children read and are very impressed with their expression and fluency.
- In Year 2, this week's highlight was the landmark challenge. Children had to find a famous landmark anywhere in the world and highlight it on the map. Then they had to design their building and finally build it with Lego. For English they had to complete a fact file based on the landmark that they choose. Mrs Downes had some amazing creations.

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