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| Dear Parents,  Welcome to the latest newsletter.  We now know that the children won’t be returning to school directly after February half term.  This is disappointing news for us all- as we all want the children back in school as soon as possible.  However, we are working hard in school planning for when the children do return. | |
| **Remote Learning**  Thank you to all of you for your continued support with your child’s home learning. The children are doing some amazing work at home- and I know that it’s down to your support. We really do appreciate it.  It’s also lovely to see so many of the children logging onto the live sessions each day and keeping in touch with their class teachers and their friends.  We continue to value your comments and are keen to capture feedback from as many of you as possible. So there will be a remote learning survey coming out later this week.  Please let us know your thoughts and we will then try to reflect this in our planning for the next few weeks. | |
| **Mr Chapman’s recommended reads**  Why not try a new book while the weather is so miserable?  The Ghost of Gosswater by Lucy Strange:  A beautifully written mystery adventure set in the Lake District in 1889. 12 year old Agatha is seemingly robbed of her inheritance by her nasty cousin, she’s determined to find the truth- and she finds help from a strange and spectral source on the chime of midnight. Recommended for Year 6.  Arlo the Lion Who Couldn’t Sleep by Catherine Rayner:  A beautifully illustrated and charming book about a Lion who-no matter how hard he tries- cannot get to sleep. That is until he meets an owl- who is a sleep expert .Recommended for KS1. | **Safer Internet Day**  Next Tuesday is ‘Safer Internet Day’. Class teachers will be posting resources in Google Classroom to use with the children to help reinforce really important messages about keeping safe online.  There is a useful article for parents here:  <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/8-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-online-during-lockdown/> |
| **Children’s Mental Health Week**  This week is Children’ Mental Health Week. If you are at all worried about your child’s mental health, please talk to us and we will try to help. There are also lots of health and wellbeing resources on our website and there is a useful collection of information here:  <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/>  **Captain Sir Tom Moore**  We had a discussion in school this morning about Captain Sir Tom Moore, who sadly passed away earlier this week. Some of the children in school have set themselves the challenge of doing something one hundred times.  If this is something that children at home would like to get involved with, let us know what your challenge is- and how you got on!  We’ll put the resources we used into Google Classroom. | |
| **And finally:**  Please do get in touch with any questions or concerns. We know that things are challenging for everyone at the moment. We will always try to help.  Kind regards,  Jo Trotter | |