

Dear Base 5,

How are you all? I am sure that you, like me, are missing school and in particular seeing all of your friends but I hope that you have been able to make the most of the good weather and managed to get outside into the fresh air and sunshine.

If you do have some time to spend outside, listen to the birdsong; it is beautiful. There are a variety of birds out and about at the moment, foraging for food or collecting grass and twigs for their nests, and their individual songs are quite distinctive. We have had quite a few different butterflies in our garden too – Peacock, Orange-tip, Common Blue and Cabbage White – which you might want to look out for.



In the garden, I have been busy digging over the soil and sorting out our vegetable beds, which were in a bit of a mess. However, the hard work was worth it and last weekend I sowed our first seeds of the year - radish, lettuce, spring onions and carrots. We are very much looking forward to being able to eat our home-grown vegetables, when they are ready. Are any of you having a go at growing things at home?

As well as doing my schoolwork at home, just like you working on your Ancient Greeks project, I have been doing the Joe Wicks workouts each morning with my daughter, Olivia. We are enjoying trying to keep fit although sometimes it is quite a challenge (particularly burpees and up and down plank) and we look very red faced by the end of it! However, we are determined to keep going but we have not dressed up on a Friday yet.

Some of the other things that we have been doing include: making a jigsaw, playing badminton in the garden, creating rainbows, writing a newsletter to a relative in a care home, baking and helping our neighbours. I have also ordered some new books, which should arrive soon. As you all know, it is always exciting waiting for books to come and I am very keen to start reading them. I will add them to the Base 5 library, when we are back in school, so that you can read them too.

I know that things seem strange at the moment for everyone but keep smiling, stay safe and well, enjoy your learning at home, spend some time outside and keep reading. We will share some book reviews when we return to school and I can't wait to see your Ancient Greek projects; I am sure that they are going to be fantastic!

Best wishes from

Mrs Clarke

(P.S. You know how I enjoy maths - on the school home learning page there is a section called Cooking with Maths. There is a great question about ratio which some of you may want to have a go at.)