Dear Base 4,

I hope you are all having a fantastic time and keeping busy. I'm missing you all a lot, but it's been so wonderful to see your pictures and hear about the fun activities you have been doing at home.

Last week, I was at home doing some extra teaching with Luka. Every morning, we did PE with Joe Wicks, just like I've seen Alfie and Eleanor. It reminded me a lot of our boot camp lessons to build our strength and flexibility. My muscles were aching by Friday!

I know lots of you have been keeping active in many different ways too and enjoying the great weather we had. Sophie and Kimberley – your quizzes and games in the back garden looked like a lot of fun and it was lovely to see such smiley faces. As for Henry, I was worried you had fallen into the stream, until I read what you had been up to. Dam building sounds like a great activity. I hope you didn't get wet socks!

Also, we were inspired by Taylor and Reefe's idea to take part in the #clapforourcarers on Thursday night. What a fantastic idea to show thanks to all the people who are working so hard to keep us all safe. We went out and did our clap on our street, but we didn't have any fireworks! It was a perfect moment when people came together in their community. Great idea, boys!

As well as some daily maths, phonics, reading and writing, we did some baking in our house. We made a delicious rhubarb crumble, using the rhubarb from Iona's mum and dad's veg box. We also made some scones, but they didn't quite turn out as well as Alfie's chocolate brownies did. They looked delicious! I hope you make them again when we come back.

Finally, I've been really impressed with your home learning. So many of you have already worked really hard on your projects and Khan Academy. A special shout-out to Spider Fivelegs – I mean, Harry – who is now the fastest Times Table Rockstar in the whole school (yes, even faster than me). Looks like I have some work to do! Well done, Harry. Keep an eye out on the website for TTRockstars announcements next week.

I know this is a bit of a strange time, but your pictures and tales of what you have been up to have really brightened my days, so please keep them coming in. Make sure you stay safe, keep taking time to think about how you are feeling and talk to your family if you feel unsure about anything.

Keep in touch,

Mr. Lindop