

Hello to my wonderful group of humans!

I hope you are all well and staying safe at home. Hopefully you haven't forgotten about us all at Markeaton, because we miss you all! I know that these are strange and uncertain times and that some of you may be feeling worried or scared, but I hope that this letter brings you some reassurance and reminds you all that I am thinking about each and every one of you.

Aside from all of my school work (I know, I have to do it too!), I have been trying hard to keep myself busy and to keep my body active. Each day I have made sure to do some exercise, whether it be a run or a Joe Wicks PE lesson, to give myself more energy and to help me feel more upbeat about the day ahead. I've also tried hard to keep my brain active as well as my body. I've been reading a lot more again, which I'm **very** happy about, as I'm sure you'd guess! I'm currently reading 'Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow' by Jessica Townsend, which I would HIGHLY recommend!

As some of you may remember, I went to Edinburgh over February half term this year. I had a wonderful time and was lucky enough to go to Edinburgh Zoo (despite the crazy weather conditions!). Well, over the past few days, I was thinking about my trip to Edinburgh Zoo and began wondering about how the animals are doing during these strange times, so I logged onto their website to see what was going on. When I did this, I discovered that they've uploaded a live webcam feed from some of their animal enclosures so that you can look in and see what they're doing! Although, I've been looking all morning and STILL haven't spotted the tiger 😞 Here is the link – please help me!

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/tiger-cam/#tigercam>

Miss Yeoman and Mrs Alvey are also missing you a lot and want to send their messages to you too!

'I hope that you are all okay and enjoying spending time at home with your families. It'll be great to see you all when we return to school!' - Miss Yeoman

'I hope that everyone is okay. Keep up with your home learning; you're doing GREAT!' - Mrs Alvey

It has been fantastic to see so many of you logging onto TTRockstars, Spelling Shed, My Maths, Read Theory and Education City. Wow, that sounds like a lot doesn't it! Thank you so much for all of your hard work. We are all so proud of you. While it is important for you to keep your brains active, I hope that you have been having fun doing other things too, like baking, playing in the garden, reading and having lots of quality family time. I know that in my house, family time means more movie nights and movie nights always mean POPCORN!

I really can't wait until we are all back in class together doing what we do best: learning and laughing! Also, I would LOVE to hear about what you have been up to while you have been at home. If you want to write back and let me know, just email it to the office admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk. I can't wait to hear back from you.

Happy Easter. Stay safe and keep smiling!

Miss Waller. X

