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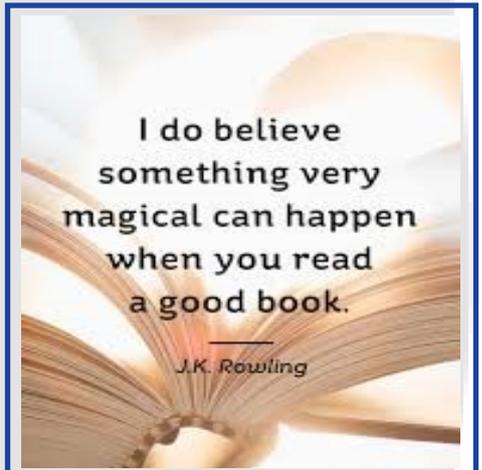
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I hope the rainy days have not dampened your spirits too much over the last few days. As I have always said, the clouds are only a layer and the sun is still above them, just waiting. You will have heard so many different view points, opinions and discussions through the media this week. The decision for schools not to reopen to all year groups, had to be the only sensible way forward with the continual need to maintain social distancing. We are aware that this news will have had an impact on you all. Be assured that we are constantly discussing September as far as we can. Possible gaps within learning, the loss of social time and interacting, the change in routine, the stepping back into school, the way forward with a dynamic curriculum that will rapidly close gaps... form just part of our discussions. Someone expressed their concern to me about what children have missed out on from their first year at Primary School, we are so mindful of this and for every year after that. We are so aware of this and September will be about revisiting, reassuring and moving children on to where they need to be. The needs of all our children, academically, socially, emotionally and mentally will all be carefully managed, supported and at the forefront of all our thoughts and plans. We are here for you to call and chat anything through...anything.

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Hello to all you wonderful children. I keep seeing and hearing the great things that you are doing at home. I am so proud of all of you. Keep going—keep being the 'best version of you'. I hope you are still reading—and although you don't have your school books changed, there are books all around. You can open them up, read or listen to a story and its like stepping into an imaginary world, by reading about things, you can write about things. Words feed your imagination.



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