Dear Class 6,

 First of all I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I hope you’re all making the most of this unexpected time at home with your families and are cooperating with those people that love you and care for you every day! I am missing you all and our school life very much now so it has been lovely to see some of the work you have completed and some of the other things you have been up to at home as well. Keep sending me the emails with your work and any questions you have about anything at all.

 Many of you sent me some excellent VE Day work last week, well done for that. Over the next couple of weeks we’re going to look at the theme of People Who Care For Us. I’m sure in this current time you can think of many people who are working to look after us all and as it is International Nurses Day on Tuesday the 12th we’re going to really focus on what these people do for us. Tuesday is also Florence Nightingale’s birthday so we will be looking closely at her role in all of this too.

 Alongside this we are all going to be having a focus on kindness. It is mental health awareness week starting on May 18th, it is important you realise now how important your kindness can be to the mental health of everyone around you (including yourself). In the back of your new exercise books you have a kindness calendar, use this to record what you have done every day that was kind.

 Finally I want to remind you of the importance of reading. I sent you all away from school with a book project to complete, I then told you in my first letter to get in touch if you had finished that reading book and needed a new one. So far I have had a grand total of 0 pupils tell me that they have finished their first book. I guess this means you are all taking your time and reading and answering the questions very carefully or you have started a new book by yourself? Please get in touch and let me know what you’re reading. You can use this link (<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>) to access a range of free e-books, your parents will have to sign up for a free account first. It is vital that you continue to read every day whilst you’re off school.

Stay safe and stay in contact,

Mr. Merrington.

P.s. I am currently beating you all the Times Tables Rockstar challenge!