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Hi gang,

Here we are again at the end of another week at home. I've been enjoying seeing the activities you've been getting up to this week. Melissa has been planting tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers – I feel a tasty salad coming on! Freddie has been busy brushing up his French skills, Aaron has been tooting his recorder and Alfie has been looking at time in analogue, digital and 24-hour form to name a few things! If you've walked or driven past school you might have seen our banner telling you that we are missing you and it really is true, so it's lovely to see what you are all getting up to.

So, I've been talking to Mrs Webber-Jones and those Year 4s have been bragging that they can take over the Education City Play Live school leader board. Now I know a few of you are already on there but I think we need to show them what we're made of and see if we can claim all 10 places on the Lower KS2 Multiplication and Lower KS2 Division boards. May has been beating me on the multiplication version. She is too fast at inputting the answers! However, I think I can beat her on the division. If you log on for 11:00am, I am on most days but for some reason they don't let teachers go on the leaderboard which seems very unfair!

I've got another proposal for you which I need everyone to have a go at contributing something towards. It is a 'Twinning' project with another school in Cyprus. Over the next few weeks I'd like you all to have a think about our local area. Lots of you look like you've discovered new walks that you've maybe never done before. We had already done some work in school about famous local people and talked about some of the features of Leicestershire but now I want you to try to produce some work based around this that we can share to compare our locality with theirs. They, like us have been in lockdown and their teacher (who used to be Michelle's teacher!) has been emailing me to see about what we can learn from each other. We thought that it would be good to compare the same things so we have chosen particular aspects of our local area as headings. Have a look below at some of the things you could do and choose what appeals to you. Hopefully we will have something for each area. Once you've done that, I will organise everyone's contributions onto a padlet under the correct heading and then share the link so everyone can see what we can then hopefully share with the school in Cyprus.

You can email me this or pop it on the Facebook page in the form of a Video, a PowerPoint, a drawing or piece of writing, a poster or photo or just type me out a quick sentence about a fact you found out. There is no pressure – whatever you want! Here are the 5 areas to choose from.

Our Landmarks

This could include... Grace Dieu Priory, Coalville clock tower, the mining heritage of our local area, Swannington Incline and anything to do with the railways, Leicester Tigers rugby ground, Leicester City's stadium, any pictures of our local area from the past.

Our Weather

This could include... Finding out the average temperature for each month, the average rainfall, the hottest recorded temperature ever for Whitwick and the coldest temperature ever recorded.

Our Famous People

This could include... A short biography or drawing of one of these suggested people :

LCFC team members past and present
Leicester Tigers team members past and present
Leicester Riders team members past and present
Sir David Attenborough
Alice Hawkins (Suffragette)
Johnny Johnson (the last British Dambuster)
Lady Jane Grey (Queen for 9 days)
Jenny Pitman (Horse trainer)

Our Physical Geography

This could include... Finding out about the local rivers, hills and countryside areas such as Bradgate park, Bardon Hill (and the fact that it was a volcano in the past or Beacon Hill.

Our School

This could include ... Finding out about the history of the school, a plan or description of the layout of the school, or a list of the top 10 best things our school has, eg. The trim trail ...

Get your thinking caps on and see what you can come up with! Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and I hope you enjoy any VE Day celebrations that are taking place (2 metres apart of course)!

Mrs Carr x