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Hi gang,

So today we would have been breaking up for the half term week which feels a bit strange. Luckily the sun is shining and we can still enjoy our bank holiday weekend. I've spoken to several of you this week and it's been lovely to see your smiley faces! Many of you have been sending your handprints to the Home Learning Facebook page as well which is great. Thank you to all of you who sent lovely messages to the teachers on 'National Thank a Teacher day.' I didn't know such a thing existed! Maybe we could make today 'National Thank a Parent' day and you could be extra lovely to your family and show your appreciation for how hard they are working with you.

For our science work after half term, I'd like you to take a look at this padlet I've made with some activities to do with light and shadow. Choose an activity that interests you to complete and let me know how you get on. I've put it on now in case you get bored over the half term week and want something new to do. Also I don't want the sun to disappear before you have chance to do the shadows work!

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/bethCarr1/Light>

Speaking of padlets, here is the link for our padlet about our local area. Remember to scroll down on each column to see the amazing work sent in so far. <https://padlet.com/bethCarr1/Leicestershire>

Apologies to Theo J who sent me a wonderful video which sadly is too big to go on the padlet. However, I have saved some 'still' photos from it and shared the information he sent and I shall have a word with Mr Chulan about trying to share the whole video in another way. We do really need some more bits on there so if everyone sends me something, even if it's only small, we can fill it up and give the Cyprus children a real insight into where we live and what our locality is like. Thank you so much to all you children who have already sent me something or have told me what you are intending to send. We will have a deadline of 5 June for this if that's ok.

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Finally, I wanted to give you a writing task which I felt would help us to reflect on this time. Try to answer the questions as fully and as honestly as you can. Talk to your families about it. When you've finished, send it back to me (written copies can be posted / dropped off at school or typed copies can be emailed). I will save them and this time next year I will give you them back to read and remember this strange time we've been through. The task can be clicked on and downloaded from our school website and is called 'Memories of lockdown.' You should see it in a yellow link next to where you clicked for this letter.

If you are looking for a bit more writing inspiration, this link has been on our Year 3 page for a while but I haven't drawn your notice to it:

<http://www.pobble365.com/>. It has a new weird and wonderful picture on there every day which you can use to inspire writing. You can decide on any writing form you want to use, eg. descriptive writing, diary, poem, playscript.... If you're not sure, there are some suggested ideas when you scroll down.

Well, I will sign off now. Enjoy your half term and stay safe. It is looking likely that I will be in school full time as of 1 June but I will still be here for you as your Class teacher, emailing, setting work online and sending you out our weekly letter still. I might be a bit slower to reply to your emails though and I won't be able to snail race on Education City every day but don't think I've gone away because I haven't!

Miss you all as ever!

Mrs Carr

PS: We are still trying to take over the Leader boards from Year 4 in the multiplication and division races so don't forget to log on. A few of their names have started creeping into the top slots and we can't have that happening!!