Hello Reception,

Wow, it has been a very long time now since we were all in Reception class together, working really hard learning new things. I have heard that some of you are working really hard at home too.

A huge well done to Harrison, I heard that you learnt to ride your bike without stabilisers. Also, a well done to Nabila who made a very impressive scarecrow for the Cottam Scarecrow Festival. I was very impressed with how much it looked just like you in your school uniform. Well done to Lily too who has been a budding scientist and sent me some photos of her carrying out a Rainbow Crystal Experiment. Remember, I love seeing what you have been learning and doing at home. I have learnt how to put up wallpaper during this time at home and it is a very useful skill to have. Have you learnt any new skills whilst you have been at home?

I hope you had a nice break for half-term. It may have felt even more special if you were able to visit a friend or family in their garden. We went for a few walks in the holiday to Rivington which is not too far away. I took my dogs, who live with my Mum and Dad, for a very windy walk, and they loved being able to run about. The brown dog is called Tilly and the black dog is called Molly. As you can see from Molly's ears it was very windy when I put her on a wall at the reservoir.

In Rivington, there is a huge hill which is called Rivington Pike and on the very top of it there is a tower. It is very close to where I





went to school when I was little and we used to go for lots of walks up to the very top. Here is a picture from Rivington Pike and luckily for us, it didn't rain when we reached the top. There were lots of steps to get to



the summit where it was very windy and we had to hide behind the tower to keep out of the wind. Have you been on any new walks near to your house?

Because of the nice weather, we were also able to do a little bit of gardening in the holiday and Vera the rabbit enjoyed being out of her hutch. Here she is in her favourite box which she likes to hide in when she is outside in her run. She does a very good job of eating the dandelion leaves that are growing in our garden.



I hope you are all keeping safe and happy. Remember that God is helping us get through this tough time and he is always listening to you when you need Him. You have all worked so hard during this strange time and I am so proud of each and every one of you, keep up the good work! Remember to keep listening to your grown-ups, keep trying hard in all that you do, keep smiling and keep shining brightly!

> Lots of love, Mrs Bamber