

Dear Year 5,

How are you all? A question which, nowadays, people really want you to stop and think about the answer to, rather than just replying, "fine, thanks." We hope you are all well and your usual upbeat selves!



Have you seen all the pictures on the news of animals in lockdown? Here is a photo of some deer on a housing estate in Essex. Do you remember when we learnt about animals and how some of them have adapted to living within cities? There were the penguins who had to cross the road to feed their young and the water monitor who came into the zoo (as a visitor) in Thailand.

What kind of wildlife do you see when you're outside for your daily exercise? Or perhaps you can even spot some wildlife from your window?

A1—a message from Ms Crosbie

The other day, from my kitchen window, I saw a beautiful bird perched on the garden fence. It was quite small with a gorgeous bright yellow breast and blue hues across its wings. Unlike most days, this day I was able to take the time to look it up and find its name. It was a great tit! I am also enjoying waking up to the sound of birdsong (no cars or aeroplanes). I am hoping to be able to identify some of the birds by their song. What birds are you seeing or hearing? My very best wishes to each one of you ☺••?

A2—a message from Mrs Lyttle

As this is a bit of an animal themed keeping in touch letter here is my lockdown friend, Yoshi. My trip outside today is to go and buy his food from the pet shop, he is very particular in what he eats so I can't get it from the supermarket with our food. I have been delighted with the emails I have been forwarded from you, please know that I am very impressed. I hope that you have had a good week and that you are staying happy and being kind.



A3—a message from Ms Ousbey

Hello A3! On the theme of animals, do any of you remember the bee which kept coming into the classroom through the window? I guess it thought our learning was really interesting and it even became a character in some of your stories! This week, I was remembering how much we love spending golden time together, especially playing Uno and Dobble. I hope you're having fun playing a few games at home. I have been playing a dice game called Yahtzee, maybe some of you have heard of it?

Remember that little mouse who wouldn't give up? Keep persevering with all your home learning—you've got this! You can watch the mouse again at this link: tinyurl.com/ya9yq6nl



We'll write again next week.

Ms Crosbie, Ms Lyttle, Ms Ousbey