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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I would like to start by thanking you all for your support with the remote learning. We know this has not been easy, with each of you facing a number of different challenges and things to juggle. We are so impressed with the level of engagement from the children. Last week, we had 95% of children across the school engaging with the learning on Google Classroom which has been great to see. This engagement is so important in ensuring that the children do not fall behind during this lockdown period, as well as maintaining some routine for them.

We know that many of the children (and teachers) are suffering from screen fatigue and for this reason we will be having a (nearly) screen-free Friday this week! There will be the weekly Achievement Assembly, a message from your child's teacher and Emanuela's dance lesson, but apart from those, we recommend the children have a day away from screens. Attached with this letter are some suggested things for your child to do, but please feel free to use the day as you wish. If you prefer, you can of course use the day for your child to catch up on any learning they have not completed over the last few weeks.

The government have indicated that schools <u>might potentially start to return</u> from 8th March. Everyone at Walnut Tree Walk really hopes that this is the case as we know how important it is to get children back into school when it is safe to do so. We will therefore be making preparations for a return on that date, unless we are told otherwise by the government in the coming weeks. As part of this preparation we will be having two INSET days on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March. We are doing this firstly so that we can be fully prepared to hopefully welcome the children back to school, but we have also made this decision to have the INSETs earlier than previously planned so as not to take them when all the children are back in school, meaning they would have missed even more learning time in school. This will therefore mean that on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March there will be no work set on Google Classroom and no provision for Key Worker children.

We look forward to continuing to see the children's great work this week as well as seeing them on screen during the live Google Meets.

Best Wishes,

Andrew