Dear parent / guardian,

It was so good to talk to all of you last week, to hear how you are all getting on, and also to speak to some of your children! I even had the opportunity to read a story to one of them over the phone, which was a totally new and delightful experience! ☺

My purpose in writing to you on this occasion is two-fold - firstly and most importantly, I want to encourage you. Five weeks have passed already, and you all seem to be doing a great job! So just keep going and focus a day at a time! Secondly, I am passing on a further set of ideas for activities that you can be doing with your children at home to try and best mirror the things that they would have been doing had they still been in Nursery, and that will best help their ongoing development and preparation for more formal education in P1.

I will be uploading, in the next day or two, a set of age-appropriate activities recommended by our inspectorate - please feel free to just dip in and out of these as best suits both your family and your home situation. As I said in my previous letter, the most important things you can do are to *talk* to your children, *play* with them, *read* and *sing rhymes* with them, let them get active and *move*, both big body movements and smaller fine movements with their hands and fingers, and let them do as much as they can for themselves in order to develop their *independence*.

Finally, as always, please take good care of yourselves and stay safe! With kind regards and best wishes!

Karen Turner

1. Thank you so much to those of you who have been sending photos of what the children have been getting up to while we have been off! It’s been so lovely to receive them, and to see their little smiling faces!

2. Look out for the next copy of our newsletter to be uploaded at the end of the week.

3. If you want to get in touch or need any advice, please contact me anytime on the following email address:- [kturner452@c2kni.net](mailto:kturner452@c2kni.net)