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Dear Parents and Carers

Can I start by wishing everybody connected with the school **a big welcome back**, whether you are home learning or back in school we are now in full swing. As before, we are continuing with the same system for **learning at home**, and may I say a big thank you for the **many positive comments** we have received.

I'd also like to **thank everybody for their support** regarding the re-opening of the school last week. The arrangements in the morning and at the end of the day were successful, with the weather probably helping by staying dry. **A massive well done to all the children** for entering so fantastically, after all those weeks being away, and for the parents in being so prompt!

I will continue to provide **Friday weekly round ups** during the final term of school to keep the whole school community up to speed on any relevant events and decisions. Senior Leaders are continuing to meet weekly to ensure we are ready to implement the next stage of the government's plan when or if it is announced.

As always, I will continue to share any new resources, which might assist you in the home learning. **The resource below is from J K Rowling, who is publishing a new book online**, a few chapters at a time, and there's also a **competition to design some artwork** for the book. Happy reading as I know we have some fans!

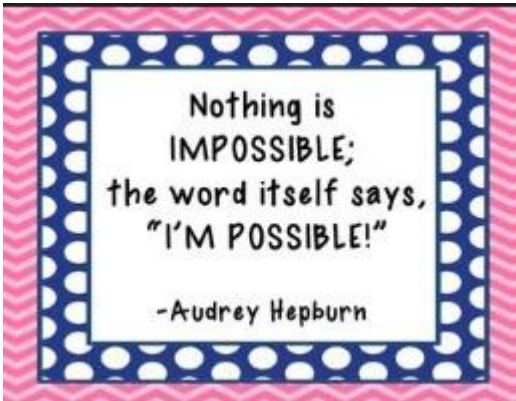
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Time for a **Monday assembly** and this week's assembly theme is **'We are all important.'**

Use the ideas from the assembly below to talk about how **unique and special** we all are. Remember, this is optional but it is an important message that is worth re-enforcing with children and even ourselves! Those pupils in school will be exploring the same assembly every Monday within their class bubble.

<https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3536/the-wonderful-sparrow>



My thought for the week is based on **resilience**, a key aspect of our whole school **GROW** philosophy. Once again, we are all being tested in so many ways, so things may be trying, even hard, but **everything is possible if we just take our time and try our best.**

Wishing everyone a great week ahead. I look forward to seeing and hearing all about the wonderful things that are going on and taking place with our fantastic pupils and sharing it as always with you Friday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Wood  
**Associate Headteacher**

Useful links for parents:

**Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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