Hello everyone!

I hope you are all well and staying safe!

I'm sorry I haven't yet had a chance to properly introduce myself to Class Two and get 'stuck in' with life at Cotherstone School. I'm Miss Gillard and I will be teaching Class Two while Miss Thomas is on Maternity Leave. I have lived in Teesdale most of my life and so I am a local girl! I'm spending lockdown with my Mum and my cat, Bambam (I'll pop on a picture or two of her – my cat, not my Mum!)

Following on from Mr B's letter a couple of weeks ago, I recommend continuing to use Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize and White Rose Maths activities to structure your home learning. White Rose have recently announced that they plan for this week to be the last that they share access to all of their resources for free, however because it links to BBC Bitesize work, activities will still be available on there. Remember, there is no minimum or maximum amount of work expected to be completed, so just go with the flow!

With it being VE day on Friday, there are lots of resources and activities available online for you to have a look at. Most have been adapted to suit the current situation and so talk parents through the learning in a very clear way. Mr B has uploaded a Picture News image, poem and activity sheet onto the school website which you may enjoy exploring. The activities are a mix of thinking, discussing and creative tasks so there is something for everyone!

There are also some lovely resources and activities available from the British Legion - just click on the Home Learning KS2 section near the bottom of the page. I love the 'design a VE day menu' activity! The 'peace display' activity may be a nice one to have a look at – maybe link this to the rainbows that we have in our windows during lockdown?

https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance

Take care, stay safe and, most importantly, have fun and enjoy spending time together as a family! I hope to be with you all soon!

Miss Gillard ☺

P.S. Here is my cat!