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Dear Parents

Where has the week gone since we sent our last whole school letter to you?! It really does only seem 5 minutes ago. And yet, it is Friday again, with only 4 more days of remote learning to go until the half term break - and I imagine the children will be as ready for it as the staff.

It has been a successful half term and start to 2021, despite all the challenges everyone has faced. We continue to be really grateful for all your feedback on how remote learning and school contact has been for you and your children throughout the current lockdown, enabling us to make changes and continually review the provision we are offering all our students. If you haven't already done so, please do complete the Google survey <https://forms.gle/SWSLgVjAGFJuyMmm7> to tell us your views. This will close on Tuesday 9 February at 1pm. We will then share a summary of the feedback with you as soon as possible.

Following feedback we have already received from parents, students and staff - and as mentioned in Mr Hirst's last letter - we are keen to reduce the amount of screentime for students within a day. While we will continue with our structured day and the live elements in every lesson, which has been well-received, we have purchased a large number of print resources across the subject areas, which will be used for tasks set within lessons from after half-term.

We have a large assortment of books for every student in the school, which means we are able to invite you or your child to collect their complete bundle of books from school during next week.

Collection of your child's "Bundle of Books" will be available at the following times:

- Monday 8 February, 12pm-3pm
- Tuesday 9 February, 9am-3pm
- Wednesday 10 February, 9am-3pm
- Thursday 11 February, 9am-1pm

We hope you all remain safe and well, and Mr Hirst and I look forward to seeing you next week when you come in to collect these books.

Have a lovely weekend, whatever you are able to do (maybe even building a few snowmen if the forecasts are accurate).

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Gibbins
Head of School

