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Hello Year 6!

It's been lovely to see you on our Google Meets this last half term.

You've done so well with getting used to the chrome books or returning work, by uploading your handwritten work or bringing it back to school. We're very proud of you. It's been a massive learning curve for all of us, and all of these skills of working independently and being responsible for managing your own learning are going to be invaluable when you move to secondary school.

This is what we think has been going well and what we'd like to you to focus on next:

What you are doing really well:	To be even better we'd like you to:
Logging on promptly and engaging in the meets.	Show your faces when you can - it makes it a much more engaging experience rather than talking to colourful spots with letters on them!
Turning your work in on time, with a priority on maths and writing first.	Try and get your microphones working. Check that you have allowed Google Classroom access to your microphone in your device's settings.
Sharing useful tips with each other.	Upload photographs of work you do on paper. There is an instruction sheet on how to do it, if you are not sure.
Some excellent effort has been put into the two projects we set - keep on being creative!	We would like to see more effort like this put into all areas of the curriculum that we set.

Next half term:

- Spellzone: You will receive your Spellzone username and password sometimes before next half term. Please log on and take the Spelling Ability Test (you will need your sound on to complete it). You will then be set a 'learning pathway' which you can work on for 10 minutes a day.
- Epic Reading: You will have received login instructions to Epic Reading - simply a class code which will allow you access to thousands of ebooks and audiobooks. Use the class code to login to the website, find your name and explore.
- Music: Mrs Smith is organising some music learning activities for next half term.

Some useful reminders:

- When you are writing on Google Docs, make sure you respond to the red or blue squiggly lines. It means there is possibly a mistake in what you've written.
- However, don't rely on Google Docs to spot your spelling mistakes for you. It will only recognise misspelt words if they are fairly close to the correct spelling and it definitely won't notice if you've used the wrong homophone!

We hope you have a screen-free, relaxing half term. Make sure you get outside and breathe in some fresh air and spend time doing the things you enjoy doing. We'll see you online after half term and, hopefully, we'll be back together in school before too long.

With best wishes, from Mr East, Miss Caluya and Mr Henshall