Dear Bramley pupils and parents,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for being so amazing during this difficult time. This half term has been a bit of a whirlwind, but we’ve got through it! I appreciate that home learning can be difficult, but I am grateful that you have all been so supportive and done the best that you possibly could.

I wanted to take this time to talk about next term. Hopefully we will all be back to school as normal soon, however, for at least the first two weeks, we will be continuing with remote learning. After half term, we aim to start using Microsoft Teams to deliver our online lessons. You should have received a letter/email regarding login details for your child(ren), so please take some time, before we come back to school, to familiarise yourself with the new platform with your child. I have arranged a brief Teams session on **Monday 22nd February at 9:15am** to allow every child to practise logging in. Providing that joining the session on this new platform goes smoothly, it will be a chance for the children to catch up with one-another and iron out any technical issues that may arise. During this session, I will also be sharing a reminder of the expectations when using an online platform. I hope that all children can attend this session.

In addition, as the new term starts, I hope to include a virtual spelling session each Friday morning for the children to take part in. This will include a spelling test and an introduction to the new spellings for the next week. This will be no different to the spelling test that they usually have on a Friday, when in school. The spellings that the children will be tested on are the ones that they are required to learn on Spelling Shed each week. The first spelling session will be delivered on **Friday 26th January at 9:15am**, which will include a test on the spellings from that week (List 16: Year 4 – the /ee/ sound spelt with an ‘i’ and Year 5 – silent first letters) and an introduction for the next week’s spellings. It is important for the children to attend these sessions, if at all possible, as it will mirror the learning that they would usually do in school.

I hope that you all have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all (virtually) very soon.

Stay safe and best wishes,

Miss George and Mrs Brandt