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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to begin this newsletter by sending my condolences to any of our community who have been affected by the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey. If you are worried about how this has affected your child please come in and speak to one of the team.

It is the final week of this half term and it has been a really lovely term at Lea Valley full of learning and wonderful experiences for our pupils. Yesterday was Safer Internet Day and we have talked to the pupils about how to stay safe online. We want them to enjoy using the internet but know how to stay safe on it at the same time. The message we gave in school was that if you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or sad online then they have to tell an adult. If you want to look more at online safety as a family this series is a good place to start.

[Online Safety Tips for Parents - Be Internet Legends](#)

Has your child ever said that they can't do something without really ever trying? One of our school values is determination and we want our pupils to never give up on something - even if they are finding it hard. Determination is a very special value for us at Lea Valley as it is also our school motto - determination to succeed. We want our pupils to strive to complete the challenge work, get to the end of the race, gather all the science data or learn to play their instrument even though they may sometimes find it hard. We strongly believe that being determined to complete something is a value that will take our pupils far in life and is a very important skill for the future.

It is another busy week here at Lea Valley. Today our year 3 pupils are at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir to support their RE learning. Tomorrow Year 4 are off to Celtic Harmony for a day learning all about the Romans and Boudicca. On Thursday we have a class assembly from 3V.

After half term Year 6 are off for the adventure of a lifetime to Pendarren House in South Wales. They are going to have an incredible time and we can not wait to hear all about it when they return!

Next week is half term and I hope that you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you back at 8:55am on Monday 20th February.

Kind regards
Mrs M Kokotsis
Headteacher