



Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a fabulous break, I am absolutely exhausted if I am honest and am quite relieved that Mrs Long has had to go back to work. Not to say that I haven't had a good time, it's been brilliant, but now someone called Boris has told them it's OK to walk a little bit further the Longs seem to have become fresh air freaks!!!

Let me tell you about some of my adventures.

Well, this is one of your friends who I met on a walk on Gorple Road. Mrs Long was overjoyed to see Madi and Bella and I am sure I heard her say to Madi and her parents that she wanted Year 5 to go back to school first – whatever that means? Bella is the same breed of dog as me so we had a little chat in dog language whilst the human beans were wittering on. Unfortunately, we were going in opposite directions so I didn't spend long with Bella but I suspect that Madi was quite relieved. Who wants to spend time with the teachers in the holidays?



As we carried on our walk we went through an area known as the Thurston Valley and saw these amazing cows, if you look closely you can see a couple of calves! Then ended up going past Theo and Mia's house, along the side of Swinton Reservoir and down near Libby's farm, following the river to Rowley. It is a really fun walk with lots of opportunities for me to swim which is my second favourite thing in life after my ball. Do you like swimming? Mrs Long said that you should have been going swimming with her at school this term so she feels sad

about that, but I don't think she would have let me go as well, apparently St Peter's swimming pool is only for human beans.



This is one of the signposts along the path, it has some wonderful carving on it. Look out for it if you are ever in the area. I think the B in the centre means it is on the Burnley Way, which is a footpath that everyone is able to walk along. However if you do, remember not to drop any litter, Mr Long has started to take a carrier bag with him when we go to Towneley in the mornings because so many people are dropping litter. Mrs Long has drummed it into him that if it gets in the river it will end up in the sea at Blackpool. Do you remember Neil telling us that?

The next bit of exciting news is that we have some Blue Tits nesting in our bird box and their mum is teaching them to fly. They make a right racket when they are waiting for food. Mrs Long says they have to learn patience, as she has waited 10 years for any birds to nest there, since the rainy day long ago that Freddie made the box at Towneley and she had to balance it on Isaac's head on top of the pushchair as she trudged back home! I haven't even been alive 2 years so ten years seems like a really, really long time. I think it might be just about as long as some of you have been alive! WOW!



Some of you may recognise these, YOUR TREES!!!! We went back last week and we could see the leaves through the plastic guards you fastened around them. However the ditch along the side, which you all jumped over when you were planting the saplings, is all dried up now and full of stinging nettles so we couldn't get close. But that will probably be good for the trees because it will protect them.

Well, I think that's all from me for this week. I hope you enjoy reading this and maybe now we can all venture a little bit further we might bump into each other this week, at a social distance obviously.

Take care, be safe,

Atticus.