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Dear students,

I hope you and your families are all well. I have been receiving very positive reports from your teachers about how well you are getting on with your school work at home. You've also been giving us very helpful feedback yourselves through emails or by completing surveys. We are reading your messages carefully and thinking about how we can make your experience of learning at home even better.

### **Friday News**

I hope you've read this and seen some of the wonderful photos and pieces of work we have been receiving. Going through the draft edition of the Friday News always really cheers me up, so I hope you will carry on sending in your contributions!

### **Mr Shaha's assembly**

I hope you have watched this as well - it's very inspiring. I'm full of admiration for Mr Shaha's decision to learn a new skill while working from home and caring for his two lovely toddlers! The way he explains how he learnt to make sourdough bread just confirms that you mustn't give up if something doesn't go well at first - just keep going until you find the answers and then you will succeed!

### **Recommended reading and viewing**

I'm making a recommendation to you this week as an English teacher. I've been following these brilliant readings of one of my favourite poems - The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Each section is read by a different, well-known person and an artist has provided an image to go with it. Click on the link, scroll down to 'Experience The Ancient Mariner Big Read' , click on this to hear the readings that have been recorded and to see the artwork.

[Ancient Mariner Big Read - University of Plymouth](#)

Best wishes to you all,

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