

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break — your children returned to school on Tuesday full of enthusiasm and news to share — it sounds like there were some very scary costumes on show for trick or treating and lots of excitement that it was also bonfire night this week. It feels like Christmas has crept up on us all of a sudden — mainly because half term has been a week later than usual this academic year. We are now busy learning our songs for the Key Stage I and Reception Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action!' which will take place in December (not so far away!!) If your child is in year 2, they will very soon be provided with the lines they need to learn and your support with this at home would be very much appreciated!

We finished last half term with our harvest service. For those of you who were able to attend, I am sure you will agree that the children were fantastic and performed their song beautifully and with confidence — they have grown up so much and I was really proud of them all!

We have such a busy and exciting half term ahead — lots of creative artwork, Partake Theatre as part of our childhood topic, the Key Stage I Nativity performance, a visit to the pantomime, Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day to name a few things off the top of my head!! Your children will be ready for a lie down by the time we break up for Christmas!

Maths: As mentioned in the last newsletter, our work in maths had focused on addition and subtraction – we have now finished that unit where I was very pleased with all the progress that the children made. We have now moved on to numbers up to IOO. The children have been practising counting forwards and backwards, along with counting in tens and working out tens and ones within a two digit number.

English: Before half ter, our focus in English has been persuasive writing. Just before we broke up for half term, the children completed the unit with some wonderful persuasive writing about trying to sell the three little pigs' house. I was really pleased with the outcome of their written work! We have now moved onto the story of The Magic Porridge Pot which has a setting description focus. So far, the children have enjoyed recognising links with other stories and creating their story maps.

Additional Information:

- ▶ P.E. Children will require an indoor kit for Wednesday sessions and an outdoor kit for Thursday.
- Parents' Meetings: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November thank you for returning your preferred time slots.
- > Reception and Key Stage | Nativity: Wednesday IIth December
- > Pantomime at Newark Theatre: Friday 13th December

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher