Welcome back; I hope you all had a wonderful autumnal half term holiday! This half term Mrs Simpson will continue to teach for most of the time until Friday 29th November. Miss Aldridge will teach Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and small group Maths and Phonics sessions. Mrs Issitt will return on Monday 2nd December, just in time to go to the panto on the 3rd. (Oh yes she will! 😊)

During November Mrs Simpson is teaching all about 'The Human Body', and Miss A is teaching our RE topic of 'How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?'. Our PE is swimming lessons on Friday afternoons and dance in the school hall with Mrs Simpson.

**Home Tasks**

When appropriate, a Maths Home Task may be set. Please continue to work with your child on their Maths passport - a little and often is best!

Every child in Reception and Year One will receive a 'Phonics Pack' with current sound cards in. Please practise these along with any words handed out for a few minutes every evening. Once again, a little and often is best. Year Two children will receive a book mark with words on to learn for the half term - these are to both read and spell independently in their own writing - as well as weekly spelling patterns to investigate. We do not have weekly spelling tests but there may be the occasional quiz - with prizes, of course!

**Reading Records**

Thank you for all your support with reading at home. I am delighted with the progress all of the children are making, and the genuine love of reading that they are developing. As your child reads, please ask them lots of questions such as 'Why do you think he did that?', 'What do you think will happen next?' and 'Is this like any other books we have read?'

**Diary Dates for This Half Term**

More details about each of these will follow in separate letters, but sometimes it's handy to have advance notice!

Monday 11th November - Parents' evening

Wednesday 13th November - Children in Need ramble. Infant Agility CANCELLED.

Tuesday 3rd December - Whole school trip to the pantomime in Harrogate

Wednesday 11th December - Whole school Christmas production in the village hall 1.30 onwards

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Party

Friday 20th December - Talent Show then Cinema Afternoon 😊

Please could you ensure that your child has a named water bottle and a pair of wellies in school all week, and that all clothing is named. If an item does go missing, you can usually track it down to our class Jumper Pot! If you would like to catch up with what we have been doing in class, please see us on the playground before or after school for a chat, or come to our weekly Friday certificate assembly at 9.00 am.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Aldridge, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Issitt