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Dear Parents & Carers,

Half term seems to have come upon us very quickly which is not particularly surprising as we have only had five and a half weeks since Christmas! However, we really have packed in a great deal of learning in a short time. I have observed that youngsters in all classes are making progress *and* being thoroughly engaged with all of the 'extras' that our staff provide for them. One of our extras, as you will recall, was our storyteller last week. Youngsters were so inspired by him that we had an absolutely splendid time last Friday listening to their stories. It takes much confidence to stand in front of the whole school but our youngsters, from our youngest to our oldest, did this with aplomb. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who came along to listen too.

I must mention Planets Class who visited Banham Zoo on Wednesday. Apart from having a splendid learning experience they were model pupils and represented our school excellently. Mrs Denney, who organised the visit, was so pleased with them that they were awarded a class certificate in Celebration Assembly yesterday.

We have a number of 'extras' planned for the next half term. On Thursday, February 23rd we will have a whole school **Problem Solving Afternoon** (thank you for continuing to support us with our weekly challenge) and on Wednesday 15th March we will have a whole school **Science Afternoon** as part of National Science Week. Look out for reports of these special learning days.

We will have our **World Book Day on Friday March 3rd** (nationally it is Thursday but some classes swim that day- too difficult for changing!) so we would like your support, naturally! It would be splendid if each of our youngsters could dress up as their favourite fictional character (from a book, please) so perhaps half term is an ideal time to get out the sewing machine?? To further celebrate our love of books we would ask if you have any books that your youngsters no longer need that you could donate to the school library. AND it would be excellent if youngsters could each bring a book which they were willing to swap with another youngster's choice. PERHAPS we could even have a school-gate swap for parents???

Don't forget that After School Sports Club for KS 2 youngsters starts on Tuesday 21st February. There are still places available.

You will see that our usual Problem Solving Challenge is attached along with our half term challenge to all of our youngsters. The '*50 things you should do before you are 11 ¾*' was issued a few years ago by the National Trust and information, hints and an app are available from their website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>.

Our version is slightly altered to fit in with the time of year and 'availability' of resources. We have challenged youngsters to undertake a number of activities and to let us know which ones they completed. We would also love to have photographs that we can share via our website (check out our updated website). We realise that many of you will already have a full programme for next week but it would be excellent if you could spare some time for your youngsters to take up the challenge.

Have a good break,

Interim Headteacher