***Our children leave Snitterfield curious, inspired, with a sense of their own self-worth and contribute positively to society.***

# October

Dear parents and carers,

I know I say it so often, but I cannot believe we are at half term already. In many ways this term has flown by, but it is also a rather long eight weeks for the children (and staff!) especially for those for whom school is new. It is a different kind of tired for our reception children, even those used to full days at nursery, as they have had to think and understand and work so hard; it is genuinely exhausting!

We have celebrated Resilience in our assembly today, awarding the badges to children who have either developed or demonstrated this really important character strength over the term. I am pleased to share the badges have been awarded as follows:

- Reception: Rory
- Year 1: Freya
- Year 2: Oswin
- Year3: Alice
- Year 4: Erin
- Year 5: Annabelle
- Year 6: Billy

Well done to all of these children!

We enjoyed sharing our Harvest Festival with you all and know that many of you enjoyed it too – thank you for your kind words. The Foodbank are very grateful for all the donations.

Without further ado, here is what the children have been learning and doing in class.

## Beans

This month the children have been learning about the autumn festival of Harvest. We collaged fruits and vegetables to show in church and learned some songs. We have been on an Autumn walk, collected leaves and jumped in puddles.



**Oat**

In class 2 we have finished our journey with the Titanic, learning not only about what happened and why but also what we have learned from the disaster to make travel safer. In science we have finished work on our five senses and in music we have completed our look into the beat and tempo of music.

The class have also worked hard on adding numbers in maths, written stories based on our books "Billy and the Beast" and "Someone Bigger" and completed our first half term of phonics.

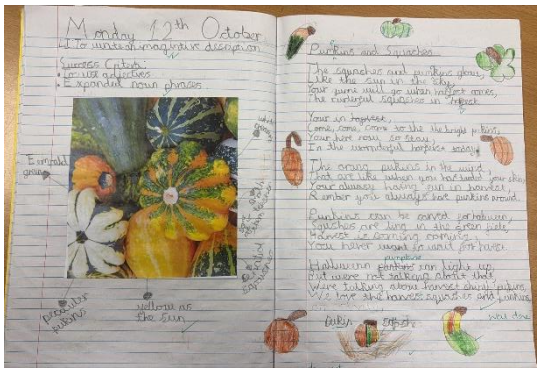
We are very much looking forward to next half term where we will be continuing our learning journey.

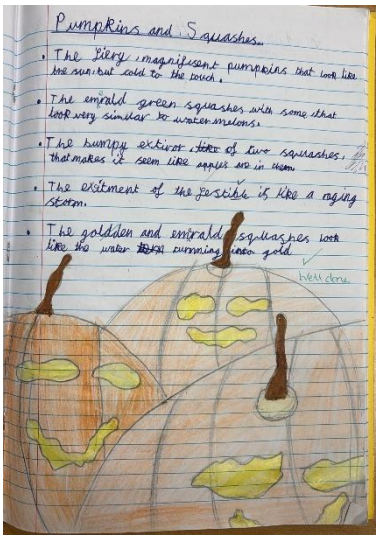
**Wheat**

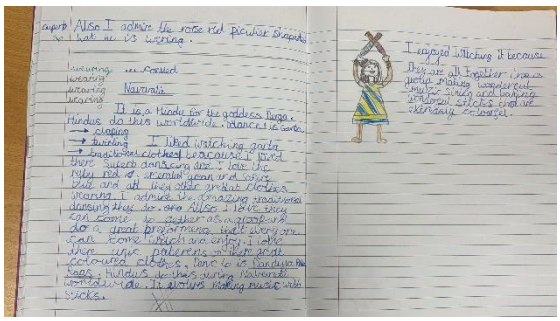
In Art we have been focusing on shape and proportion with our drawings. They also used oil pastels and vibrant colours to do pumpkins and squashes artwork to match the poems that they had written. Have a look at our display.



In RE we have been thinking about how art and architecture is used in different religions. We have been studying artwork in different places of worship, looking at the building styles and watching dances. We have also been learning how to do dancing for the Hindu festival, Navarati. The children watched dances and talked about how they made them feel. We then went into the hall and learnt some of the steps.



**Barley**

Barley Class have had a very busy month and been getting stuck into all of our learning across the curriculum. In maths, we have been consolidating knowledge of addition and subtracting with larger integers and more recently looking at factors, common factors, multiples and prime numbers. We are really enjoying our new 'Writing Root' called Leila and the Blue Fox, which is set in Norway. They have been using lots of upper KS2 skills in their writing like the subjunctive form and using relative clauses or model verbs. In Art, we recreated an installation art activity using a shoe box to recreate an artist's work called Cai Guo-Qiang. We have come to the end of our Geography unit: California and have been spending this week showcasing our knowledge. Finally, we really enjoyed performing our Harvest poems in the church last week for Harvest festival. We are very much ready for a well-earned break!

It's amazing they have any capacity left for a Friday where they have been learning about the plight of the kelp forests and the lifecycles of mammals along with sound tracks to films and TV shows and the importance of friendships and how to manage and resolve conflict.

All that is left is for me to wish you all a wonderful half term holiday – whatever you are planning to do!

With best wishes and continued thanks for working together for the best for the children and families here,

Mrs Silk