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OK, I blinked and missed it! How can half a term be over already? Mind you, I think the children are ready for a rest. May I apologise for some items in the Learning Update last week not happening (spellings and postcard). The learning update is written on a Thursday, the items were on my desk for Friday but I forgot to hand them out.

The children have had a very writing-based week this week but they have done really well. We have imitated Sunny's postcard from the farm ensuring that every detail is included; Finger spaces, punctuation for a variety of sentence types, capital letters in the appropriate places and word for word. Not a simple task for a postcard containing nearly 100 words. The children then had an unaided writing task about Ely Cathedral and it was nice to see that some of the sentence styles from the postcard were put into practice in their writing task. The children in Maths have continued with looking at describing movement particularly turns. Using terms such as half/quarter/three-quarter turn clockwise or anticlockwise. Marry this learning with their left/right, forward, backward and maybe they can use some directional language when you are out and about over the holiday. To end our topic (apart from our trip the first day back) the children made a poster demonstrating all they have learnt about Beodercisworth, Edmund, The Abbey, Hinguar, King Henry VIII and Bury St Edmunds. I am really looking forward to our trip on our return. Sorry, we ran out of time for Ukulele playing this week but I plan to continue when we return.

Homework over the half term; Reading (anything and everything), Maths Targets, Times Tables, Spelling/handwriting. Having fun with your family and making memories. I was very disappointed this week with how few spelling sheets were returned. I need them back to be able to assess any help I may need to put in place for handwriting.

Half-term is a good time to check that all your child's belongings are named. May I also remind you that the children should only have water in their water bottles in class. Juice or squash is fine for lunch but only water in lesson time.

Have a great half-term holiday and I look forward to hearing everyone's news when they return, oh, and our trip!

*Mrs Chittock*