**Візит нечистої сили.**

Діти одягнені в костюми нечистої сили ходять з класу в клас і розповідають історію виникнення свята. За звичаєм їх пригощають цукерками.

**The History Of Halloween!**

Halloween is one of the world's oldest holidays, dating back to pagan times. But it is celebrated today by more people in more countries than ever before.  there's a simple reason: it is fun and it is good, clean, harmless fun for young and old!

The modern name, Halloween comes from "All Hallows' Evening," or in their slang "All Hallow's Even", the eve of All Hallows' Day. "Hallow" is an Old English word for "holy person," and All Hallows' Day is just another name for All Saints' Day,  eventually, it became abbreviated to  "Hallowe'en" and then "Halloween."

The Celts lived hundreds of years ago in what is now Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and northern France. The Celtic people commonly kept sheep and cattle.

The final harvest of the year was marked by a celebration. On October 31st after the crops were all harvested and put into storage for the winter ahead, the cooking fires in the homes would be extinguished. The Druids, the Celtic priests, would meet in the hilltop in the dark oak forest.The Druids would light new fires and offer sacrifices of crops and animals to thank the gods for the harvest and appease the gods of the coming winter.

The morning after, the Druid priests would give a hot ember from the fires to each family, who would then take them home to start new cooking fires. The fireplace and fire were a big deal to the Celts, as they kept the homes warm and free from evil spirits. The festival lasted for 3 days. Many people would parade in costumes made from the skins and heads of their animals representing various gods of nature.

One legend has it that  on one All Hallows Eve that a priest was walking by on a country road when on the hill he saw the bonfires burning. He saw people dancing around the fire in costumes with shafts and torches in their hands. With the moon as a backdrop to the fires the people appeared to be flying in the air. The man hurried to the village to tell that witches were flying and evil was afoot. Presumably, this is where the myth of witches on broomsticks flying on Halloween comes from.

Traditional jack-o'-lanterns, hollowed-out turnips with embers or candles inside, became a very popular Halloween decoration in Ireland and Scotland a few hundred years ago. Irish families who emigrated to America brought the tradition with them, but they replaced the turnips with the more plentiful pumpkins. As it turns out, pumpkins were easier to carve than turnips. People began to cut frightening faces into their jack-o'-lanterns.

Today many people decorate their homes and yards, dress in costume, hand out candy at their door or go with their children as they collect candy.

**Trick or treat!**