

Prospect Vale Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2016. P.Mc



Nursery—Nursery have all settled in wonderfully, we're very lucky to have such a lovely class of children. We've spent lots of time getting to know each other and making some lovely friendships. We have read 'Owl Babies' and spoken lots about our own families. We have enjoyed reading 'Harry and the dinosaurs', we even went on a dinosaur hunt and made our own dinosaurs world using different materials. We learnt what a skyscraper is and looked at some well-known ones from around the world. We created our own Skyscraper city in the playground using different boxes and had a competition on who could make the tallest! We've been learning all about our different body parts reading 'Funny Bones' and made a class skeleton in preparation for Halloween! And of course, we've spent lots of time singing traditional and new nursery rhymes and songs, including our Harvest song 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'.

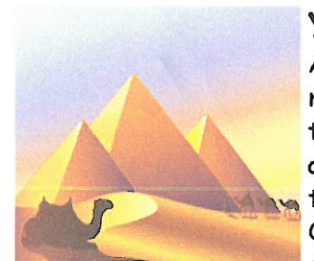


Y5—Year 5 have made a great start to the new academic year. Everyone is thoroughly enjoying the topic "Rampaging Raiders". The Anglo Saxon villages they made were amazing and a huge thank you to all parents and carers who helped. We are in the process of making our own Anglo Saxon artefacts and look forward to launch of "Prospect Vale Museum! There are lots more exciting tasks to look forward to in the new term!



Y6 visited Lyme Park. In the middle of September, Year 6 went on a geography field trip to Lyme Park. At 10 o'clock we reached our destination and started our walk. We

saw Lyme Park and its reflection in the lake before walking up the avenue of trees and up towards the bolder stone. Although it was still quiet misty, the views from the top were breathtaking. Lunch was taken in the woods before climbing more ladders and exploring more of the fabulous countryside. We walked slowly back to the coach in the wind and the rain but everyone had had a brilliant day.



Y4 Year 4 have had an exciting Autumn term so far and have many more special events to look forward to before the end of term. We have already been on not one but two trips. First, we went to Debdale Outdoor Centre and went on rafted canoes and a speed boat - we

LOVED it! Then, we went to Manchester Museum to explore their Ancient Egyptian artefacts (and built our own pyramid). Watch this space for our upcoming class assembly and Christmas performance.

Y2 We have travelled back in time to find out all about the Great Fire of London and the impact this had. They have learned about Samuel Pepys and what he wrote in his diary. This topic has also incorporated an exciting visit to Staircase house for a hands on first-hand experience of life in 1666! Members of staff from John Lewis visited us and got the children very excited about knitting. It was quite a challenge, but after a lot of knots and perseverance, the children learned to



cast on and knitted a few rows. Thank you to all the families who donated shoes to our appeal at the end of last year and the start of this year. We were overwhelmed by the incredible response and lost count of the numbers of pairs of shoes collected! Thank you so much for supporting this worthwhile cause!

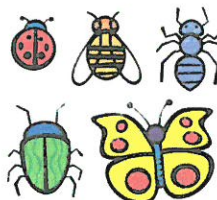


RECEPTION

We have had a busy few weeks in reception settling all the wonderful new children into school routines and life. They have been amazing! The new parents coffee morning and the MacMillan cake morning went really well. It was a lovely opportunity for new parents to socialise and informally meet our team and eat cake of course! We have been learning lots about 'ourselves' and how we are changing. It has been lovely to put the pictures of your children when they were babies on display. In the past week we have completed lots of work on skyscrapers. The children LOVED it! We had them everywhere in the classroom and outside.



Y3 Year 3 have been learning about the Stone -Age times. They had a fabulous day with a visitor during which they explored lots of different objects, found out many new facts and enjoyed pretending to be archaeologists. In the afternoon they learned how to throw real spears and how to fire a bow and arrow, in order to catch a bear or a woolly mammoth for their supper! Finally, they dressed up in Stone-Age costumes and had their photos taken with a hairy rhino. A wonderful learning day was had by all!



Y1 —Year 1 have had a very exciting first term! We have been exploring all different types of homes from teepees to igloos! We have used our investigation skills to explore the minibeast habitats in our wildlife area and have thought about what a pet would put on their to do list, as we discovered the secret life of pets! We have had some furry visitors into the classroom- Snowy and Toffee, and we asked questions to the Mrs Cahill about where the guinea pigs live. We have taken a trip into the past during our trip to Tatton Mansion, where we were treated as servants to Lord and Lady Egerton for the day. We made beds, scrubbed floors, polished the silverware, and even made delicious scones! I'm sure we will all be able to make our own beds now at home!