



Prospect Vale Newsletter

Sept—Oct 2017



Y3 Year 3 are enjoying learning all about the Stone-age to Iron-age times. The children experienced a fantastic learning day with their Bronze-age visitor, 'Clud', during which they became, hunters, artists, researchers, farmers, builders and chariot racers. The day was centred around the importance of team work and supporting each other. This will continue to be a big focus for the class throughout the rest of the Year. Through literacy lessons, we have begun to enjoy some of the stories by the famous children's author, Roald Dahl. We have enjoyed turning parts of stories into play-scripts and acting them out, in order to bring the unique characters to life.

Nursery

Nursery have had an amazing first half term, We're very lucky to have a wonderful class. This term has been all about getting to know each other and making those important friendships. We have done some lovely, fun filled activities from cake decorating our self-portraits, skeleton x-ray painting, construction building our very own ambulance to welly walks around the school grounds, mark making in magic sand, Lowry Art Day and the list goes on. Most of all the children have really enjoyed our 'Wake up shake up sessions' and our 'Polka Dot music sessions'. The children love to explore the instruments and move to the music. Please remember to look at our class page on the school's website. Now everyone is settled I will be updating our page more often with photographs so you can see how much fun and learning we do in Nursery.



Y6 It has been an action-packed start to Year 6 this year. Our highlights have been the visit to Bury Training Centre for Fire Safety and a workshop led by the only Maya archaeologist in Britain. The trip was particularly important as our whole school focus has been safety. We asked many questions and gained valuable knowledge about: the dangers of fire; preventing unwanted accidents and what to do in an emergency. The children were able to try on real uniforms and visit the site of an accident to investigate what the causes may have been. Our morning with Dr Diane Davies greatly enhanced learning in the Maya topic. We handled real artefacts including obsidian (better known to the children through Minecraft) as well as asking questions that real archaeologists may ask. There are a selection of photos on our class page for you view. A very memorable experience for all.



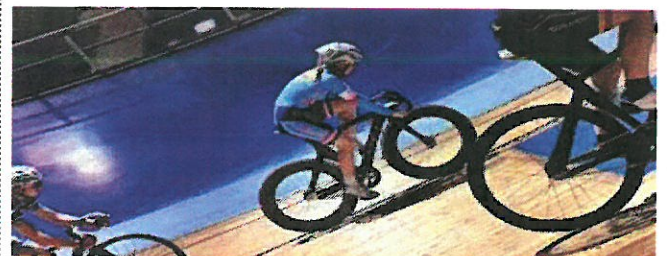
Y2

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and were lucky enough to visit Staircase House in Stockport to learn more about what happened. Part of their learning involved designing and making their very own 'London house' to create our very own Pudding Lane, which we hope to transform into our very own 'Great Fire of Prospect Vale'



Y5 Visit to The National Cycling Centre

During October, half the Year 5's visited the NCC to cycle on the same track as Bradley Wiggins and Chris Hoy have practised on. At first the children were a bit puzzled by the bikes: no breaks; dropped handle bars; they had to keep on pedalling ;and how to cycle on those famous slopes. However once they were off, we couldn't stop them. Great cycling from especially: Aahil, Oliver and Lucy. What a fantastic sports visit and opportunity! I can't wait to take the rest of Year 5 in November.



Y4 What a jam-packed first half term Year 4 have had! The children have loved writing their own Egyptian Adventure stories as well as making canopic jars, book marks and ancient Egyptian jewellery. We have also learnt lots about the mummification process which was a ritual in ancient Egypt. Our trip to the Manchester Museum consolidated all this learning, especially when we got to see a real life mummy called Asru. Well done Year 4-there is lots more to discover about ancient Egypt in the next half term!



Y1 Year 1 had an amazing trip to Tatton Park recently. They were Victorian children, hoping to be taken on as Servants. They had to bake scones, make beds, empty bed pans and scrub the floors. Even Mr P had to help! They were not allowed to talk unless spoken to and had to walk with their hands either in front or behind their back. Fortunately, all the children were given jobs within Tatton and will need to return in the spring term with references. Some of the parent helpers were successful but others, unfortunately, were highlighted as potential trouble makers and had to leave. You know who you are! The behaviour was outstanding

Reception It has been an exciting start to the term and this half term has been very busy! The children have all settled in remarkably well, worked so hard and have been amazing! They have really enjoyed the visit from the Dentist and loved going on an Autumnal welly walk this half term. They found out lots of fascinating facts for our topic! Thank you to our new reception parents for a lovely MacMillan coffee morning. Cakes and biscuits were eaten and much chatting and socialising happened. Thank you again to all who attended and baked!

