



Prospect Vale Newsletter

Sept-Oct 2018

Y4

Year 4 have been making the most of this clear, crisp Autumnal weather by going out on Nature Walks and collecting items from the school playground. We have been using this in our maths work to estimate beyond 100. Our trip to the World Museum has been our highlight so far - the children were fascinated by the real life mummies and enjoyed exploring the galleries.

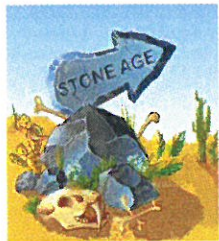


Y2

Year 2 started with a real buzz with the children becoming rock stars and performing as 'Rock Kidz'; what a confidence boost for them! Year 2 have also been busy learning about The Great Fire of London. They have made their own 'wattle and daub' houses and safely re-enacted The Great Fire at Prospect Vale! To consolidate their learning, the children enjoyed a visit to Staircase House, where some of the building dates back to the 1600s. We are looking forward to exploring the 'Ice' part of our termly topic over the coming weeks.



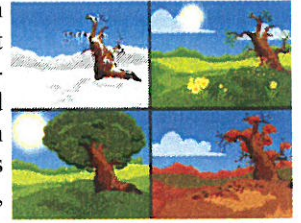
Y3 Year 3 children have been learning all about the Stone-Age to Iron-Age times. They had a fantastic day with a Bronze-Age visitor, "Clud," during which they became hunters, researchers, artists and chariot racers. They have all worked hard on their "Skara Brae Challenge" and have brought some very exciting work into the classroom, for us all to share. As we move into the second half term, the class are looking forward to learning more about life after the Stone-Age and are also continuing to work hard on their amazing dance project with Mrs Hall.



Nursery Nursery have had an amazing first half term. 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 our self-portraits using natural recourses, skeleton x-ray painting, making our very own scarecrows, to welly walks around the school grounds, mark making in magic sand, and the list goes on. The children have really enjoyed our 'Wake up shake up sessions' the children love to explore the musical instruments to move to the music. The children have also enjoyed our 'Dough Disco' sessions' this is a fun way to develop those important motor skills. 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 photograph for you all to see how much fun and learning we do in Nursery.



Y1 What a busy half term we've had in Year 1! We've made houses and learnt about materials that are good for keeping us warm and dry, we've visited Bramall Hall (and counted chimneys in the rain!), we've been running for miles in our 'Smile for a Mile' challenge, we've created some amazing self-portraits **AND** on top of that have managed to fit in story-telling and story writing, list making and debating, we've done lots of number bond and numicon work, learnt a Harvest song and are really trying hard to learn our sounds in Phonics. Phew! Busy, busy, busy! After a lovely week off, I'm sure we're all ready for some more super learning and lots more fun! This half term it's time to learn about the seasons as it's now becoming much more Autumnal and to find out about Space and the moon landing. Great stuff!



Y5



Year 5 have had an exciting start to the Autumn term. Rock Kidz was fantastic with everybody learning new songs, moves and dances. We took part in a poetry morning at St. Ann's Hospice. The children spoke clearly and slowly, entertaining the day patients with their wonderful simile and personification poems. We have worked hard on our corridor display of Jodrell Bank before rocking everyone with Rock n'Roll Harvest at the school Harvest Assembly.

Y6 It has been an action-packed start as always in Year 6. Our main highlight was the visit from the only Maya archaeologist in the country (Dr Diane Davies) who inspired us all to find our inner archaeologist. We investigated real artefacts and asked many questions as well as creating our own Maya calendar. The artefacts we sampled included obsidian which the children recognised from playing Minecraft and we even got to try some Maya chocolate! In our English work we have been reading Cirque Du Freak by Darren Shan and using this text as inspiration to create our own gruesome horror stories! The children created some wonderfully descriptive, suspense-filled stories that made me shiver with fear! Thank you for helping your child settle into Year 6 so well. We have an exciting and busy year ahead with many more things to look forward to.



Reception

It has been an exciting start to the year and the children have all settled in remarkably well. The children have been working very hard and have adjusted well to the new routines. It is great to see them growing in confidence and trying new things with new friends. They have really enjoyed learning about how they are changing through our topic work and we are so proud of their performance at the harvest assembly. Thank you to our new reception parents for a lovely Mac-Millan coffee morning. Cakes and biscuits were eaten and much chatting and socialising happened. Thank you again to all who attended and baked! We are now looking forward to the very busy but exciting second half of the term.



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