



# Prospect Vale Newsletter

February—April 2019



**Year 3** have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Stockport this term. They all made magnificent hats which they exhibited in their wonderful class assembly last week. They also spoke and sang with amazing confidence as they shared a sample of their term's learning with their parents and the rest of the school. Well done to the whole of Year 3. Mrs Novacki is very proud of them!

**Nursery** We can't believe it's the end of Spring term already! We are very proud of all the children and everything they have achieved. We have enjoyed the topic 'Naughty Bus' by learning the story through a story map. We have even had our very own naughty bus in Nursery, which has done some very naughty things in the classroom! We spent time exploring Spring time and the things that happen at this time of year. This included a very special delivery of eggs and then Idris the duckling was born, this was a great experience and the children really enjoyed it - we explored what animals come from eggs, the life cycle of a duck and much more. These are just some of our highlights, well done to all the children for all their hard work. We look forward to the summer term and all the fun and learning ahead. Thank you to all for your support.



**Year 4** have had a jam-packed Roman term, filled with a trip to the Bridgewater Hall, a march around Chester and a virtual visit to Pompeii! The children have written some superb descriptions of Roman docks as well as their own Escape from Pompeii. In particular, they have enjoyed learning about volcanoes. They have had six weeks of learning Mandarin and know how to say 'hello,' what their name is, can count and can sing Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.

**Y1** This term in Maths, we have been exploring our 2s, 5s and 10s times tables, and doubling and halving. Our focus in Literacy has been a variety of stories about Space, both fiction and non-fiction. The children have written about what they would take in their rockets, and also about how they would fix the Moon, should it accidentally break. In Science, we have looked at the different categories of animals, including humans, as well as learning about the seven continents of the World and our five oceans in Geography. The children have been very busy and we feel that many are personally choosing to try and step up this term. 😊



**Year 2** have particularly enjoyed developing their PE skills with Mrs O'Hare, a sports specialist, and have developed lots of new skills and learned lots of new games along the way. All the children have had fun and have developed their teamwork ethos even further.

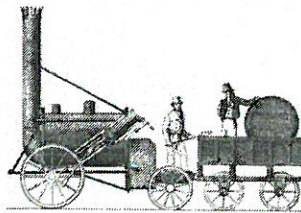


**Year 5** have had another exciting and eventful half term. Their class assembly was superb, especially the renditions of The Eye of The Tiger and the theme tune from Jaws. They have had two great sessions at The Kingsway School. The first being an art morning and the second being the French morning where they sang French songs, learnt all about famous French artists and visited a French shop.

**Year 6** The waiting was finally over on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March as we set off for Robinwood. It was time for a break from all the challenges of being in Year 6 and a chance to test ourselves in different ways. I'm sure it was an experience that all will remember for the rest of their lives (I certainly remember my Y6 trip). We had three days of excitement, courage, teamwork, mud, persistence, laughter and some more mud! We faced our fears on the giant swing; laughed together as we got ridiculously muddy and supported each other through many challenges. It was a pleasure to work with the children in a different environment that allowed them to show off their wonderful personalities.



**Reception** have been very busy this half term. We kicked off early by going on a successful school trip to the Museum of Science and Industry; a great day out, where the children explored the experiment room, saw Stephenson's Rocket and watched a steam engine start up (thanks to all the parents who helped to make



the trip happen). We have also been focusing on different forces this term., looking at pushes and pulls. We listened to the Enormous Turnip and predicted what might happen next. We also tested our boats to see if they would float or sink, which led to learning about the Titanic. Magnetism was also a topic focus, testing different materials. In phonics we have been finishing up phase 3 Letters and Sounds, and working really hard on digraphs and tri-graphs. Our mathematics sessions have seen us working on addition, subtraction, sharing and developing a deeper sense of number. We have also been discussing how we make good and bad choices and how we take responsibility for making our own choices. All of this hard work will continue into the Summer Term but please make sure the children get outside, get muddy and have opportunities to play with other children over the Easter break. This is a really important time of the year for them and having fantastic opportunities to play and rest will really help their development in all areas. Have a very happy Easter.