



# Prospect Vale Newsletter

May—July 2019

## Year 6

All our hard work was put into action this half term as we completed our SATs assessments. The children had worked extremely hard to prepare and actually really enjoyed SATs week (especially breakfast club)! Immediately after SATs week we had our amazing trip to London. We racked up many thousands of steps as we travelled around many famous, historical and poignant sites. There was plenty of time for treats too such as ice-cream and Burger King. There is so much for our Year 6 class to look forward to in the short time we have left together so lets make it a memorable and exciting end to the year :)



## Year 3

We have been learning all about canals this half term. They had an amazing day at The National Waterways Museum, where they enjoyed exploring canal art, watching the blacksmith make a horse-shoe and seeing how the canal locks worked. They have all done some wonderful follow-up work in the classroom and have particularly enjoyed making persuasive leaflets, learning how to paint in the style of the narrow boat artists and making models of narrow boats- with a little help from their



## Year 1

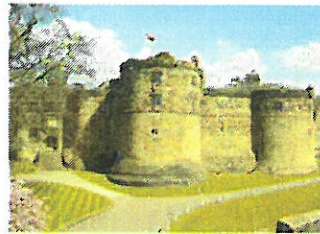
Well it's Summer Term and it's been all go in Year One as always! Our learning has really focused on Pirates and Mermaids this half term, reading a fabulous story about Granny Pirate and planning our own adventure for her. We have planned a treasure hunt and made maps with clues using compass directions. We have also worked hard to plan an experiment to see how well pirate ships might float in water. We tested our theories using eggs and water with different amounts of salt in. The children had so much fun predicting what would happen and even more fun watching what happened to our eggs! Look at their faces in the picture! I'm sure they've told you all about it! We have been working hard in Maths counting on and back in ones and tens, using number grids to help us. We then used our knowledge and understanding to complete addition and subtraction number sentences using some tricky numbers – some of the children went past 100! Wow! Of course we have also been working incredibly hard in our Phonics lessons to get ready for the test during the first week back. The children are doing really well!

Thank you as always for your help and support. I know they will do a fab job! Here's hoping you all had a lovely sunny break and we are looking forward to the final half term –lots more hard work but some super fun things too!



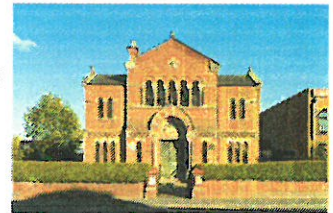
## Year 2

We spent a wonderful day exploring Skipton Castle and it's grounds. They had a fascinating tour and learned a lot about life in the castle and the different job roles there were. The children loved exploring the 'long-drop' and got to understand the true meaning of the old phrase 'wrong end of the stick'. The highlight of the day was heading down into the dungeons and experiencing what life would have been like for a prisoner at Lord and Lady



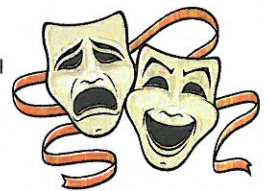
## Year 4

We are off to a great start to the Summer Term! We have been writing some very informative balanced arguments in English and practising adding and subtracting three and four digit numbers in Maths. Our focus this term for our topic has been Geography. There are some amazing maps of the North West in our books. We are looking forward to our two school trips this term (Manchester Jewish Museum & Formby) Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered. We have already selected our helpers for these trips.



## Year 5

It's been another exciting half term for Year 5. We started the term visiting The Kingsway School for a Mad Science show. It was amazing. A few weeks after this, we visited The Kingsway School again, this time for a Shakespeare drama lesson. It was great fun. Next half term, we have a few more visits to The Kingsway School and our trip to York. Can't wait!



## Nursery

What an exciting half term in Nursery, it has been busy as always and firstly we would like to welcome the new children who have started recently! We have been making the most of the sunshine and the outdoors! Green finger morning was a great success, thank you to all who volunteered and made donations the children really enjoyed it. We also had dad's morning with an outdoor theme, another fun morning, thank you dads. We have been learning all about mini-beasts and we have covered so much, well done Nursery! We went on a mini-beast hunt in the nature area of the school and we found ladybirds, woodlice, ants and more. Animal Intuition came to visit and we met some amazing and weird mini-beasts and other animals - sand-fish, a snake, a spider and a giant snail (to name a few). We have also been looking at healthy eating and made some delicious fruit ice-pops. I hope all the children have a well earned rest and enjoy the holidays, we look forward to seeing you all very soon.



## Reception

We have really hit the road running this half term, using our topic of wheels to springboard us onto lots of different learning in all areas. We have been pushing forward with our reading and writing, through exploring a wide range of stories including Mrs Armitage on Wheels and looking at new



sounds in phonics. Maths has also been varied where we have explored different shapes, compared sizes of objects and learned how to estimate. The art focus has seen us using wheel shaped objects found in the natural world to create some excellent pieces of work based on Andy Warhol's Pop art. Chinese New Year has also been celebrated here in Reception where we learned about how the Chinese calendar began, different greetings in Chinese, we made

lanterns and participated in a workshop based on the story of the Magic Paintbrush. The children have all worked really hard this half term and really deserve a break. Fantastic improvements are being made all around and I look forward to continuing on the same path after half term.

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