

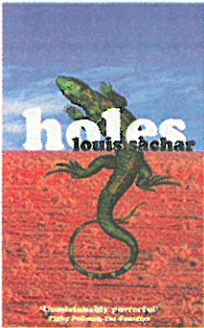


Prospect Vale Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2019

YEAR 6

Our Year 6 children have made an outstanding start to life at the top of the school and the first half term has flown by with many highlights. Thank you all for attending our class assembly and sharing in the work we have done so far. Our biggest adventure this half term was the visit of Dr Diane Davies who shared her knowledge of archaeology and brought our history topic to life with wonderful artefacts and many real life experiences. Reading is particularly important in Year 6 and our new class read for this half term is a book called 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Please encourage your child to read daily and ask them about their book.



We have so much more planned for this half term including our next adventure to Quarry Bank Mill. Get those Victorian costumes ready :-)

NURSERY

We have had a great first half term and all the children have settled in very well. Our topic and focus this term is learning about ourselves, others and people who help us.

We have already completed lots of exciting activities and experiences for example: going on an autumn walk, learning about our bodies and the bones inside them, exploring harvest time through songs and stories and performing in the harvest assembly – the list goes on. As we are learning about jobs that help us, the Dentist came to visit Nursery to tell us all about how to look after our teeth!

It is amazing to see the children become more confident and enjoying their time in Nursery, well done! We look forward to a busy and fun half term ahead.



RECEPTION

We have had an incredible start to the year with all of the children really settling in quickly. The children have been working super hard and have adjusted well to the new routines.

We are seeing them grow in confidence and making new friends every day. 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. They confidently told the story of 'The Little Red Hen' to the entire school.

We are now looking forward to the very busy but exciting second half of the term., which includes our exciting trip to Legoland Discovery Centre.

We would also like to thank our new Reception parents for a successful Macmillan coffee morning, where a lot of treats were consumed and a lot of socialising took place. Along with the money raised from Mr McDowell's Half Marathon We raised a super £800!! Thank you again to all who attended, baked and donated!

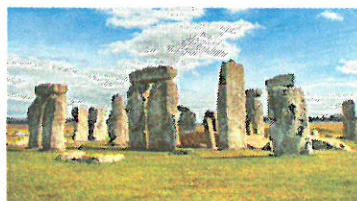
YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed traveling back in time to re-enact the story of the Great Fire of London at Staircase House Museum in Stockport. They dressed up and took on roles such as Samuel Pepys, King's guards, maids and learned how the events that happened in 1666 had an impact on our capital city and what lessons were learned. Next we will be creating our very own 'Great Fire of Prospect Vale'!



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a very busy half term. The children have settled very well into Key Stage 2. They have been eagerly finding out about Stone-Age to Iron-Age times and thoroughly enjoyed their Stone-Age learning, in the great outdoors, at Tatton Park. Thankfully we avoided any rain! Unfortunately we weren't so lucky with the weather for our Lower Key Stage 2 Athletics Challenge at Aquinas College! However, the children all tried hard and enjoyed taking part in a wide range of sporting challenges. Year 3 are currently working hard in preparation for their class assembly next week.



YEAR 1

Gosh we have been so busy already this term in Year 1!

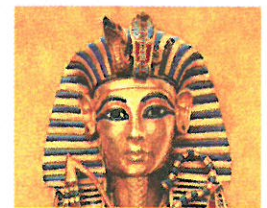
We've made cereal box houses for our topic work and learnt about materials that are good for keeping us warm and dry, we've visited Bramall Hall and found out about what a Tudor House was like to live in over 500 years ago (and we counted LOTS and LOTS of chimneys), we've been running for miles in our 'Smile for a Mile' challenge, we've created some amazing self-portraits and beautiful drawings and paintings of Bramall Hall AND on top of that have managed to fit in story-telling and story writing, list making and poetry, number bond and Numicon work, learnt a Harvest song and are also 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. We are also going to find out about Space and the moon landing and of course, prepare for our Christmas Performance with Nursery and Reception. Great stuff! Keep up the amazing work Year 1!



YEAR 4

We are off to a great start this year! The class has been working very hard. The children are exploring large numbers in Maths, adding, subtracting and rounding. They have written very interesting and creative newspaper reports about what they think really happened to King Tutankhamun in Literacy. We will continue to learn more interesting facts about the Ancient Egyptians in our topic the rest of this term.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an excellent start to their new year. They have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks. Next half term they are looking forward to Forest Schools, their trip to Jodrell Bank and transition days to The Kingsway School.

