

# ◆ Shevington Vale Newsletter ◆

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## **Y1 Visit to Farmer Ted's**

On Monday the Year 1 children celebrated the end of their topic 'Amazing Animals' by going on a trip to Farmer Ted's. It was a beautiful sunny day and all of the children and staff had a great time. The children got to handle the guinea pigs, groom the ponies, meet the reptiles, watch the ferrets racing and learn about milking cows. The children had great fun on a very, very bumpy tractor ride around the farm! I don't know how they managed to keep singing Old McDonald between bumps. There was also plenty of time for the children to enjoy the sand pit, go-karts, zip wire and climbing areas. The children were able to remember lots of the animal facts that they have learnt during this topic and find out some new ones. They really enjoyed watching a colony of Leaf Ants carrying torn leaves through tunnels. A big thank you to all of the parents for their voluntary contributions which were essential for this educational trip to go ahead.

## **Y2/3 Pesky Pirates!!**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Y2/3 descended upon the Liverpool Maritime Museum dressed as 'Pesky Pirates'! We all had a fantastic day researching about HMS Lusitania, the Titanic and some of the ways people try to smuggle things into the country.

In the afternoon, we had a workshop held by Captain Dave, on how to be a pirate and what life would be like on the seas. We ended the day with a pirate quiz headed by Crazy Kelly and Barmie Boardman, with "To Me!" and "Grrrr" being the shout outs. We certainly livened up Liverpool docks with lots of super reactions from the public commenting on the pirate costumes.

## **Our Chicks**

This half term Reception were very lucky to have 11 eggs from 'Living eggs'

The children have had first-hand experience of watching chicks hatch and learning how to care for them. They made a chick diary and had a vote on what to name them. Mrs Davies from Headstart took Peck and Rainbow to her farm, so is keeping us updated on their progress.

## **Y4 Save Mesnes Park**

Year 4 was visited by some high powered people as part of their 'Save Mesnes Park' topic.

Mr Collins, one of our councillors, brought the Assistant Director of planning and two senior planning officers to listen to the children's arguments about why the park should be preserved.

In the event the council team was very much on the back foot as our brilliant children challenged them to explain why they would consider covering the park with housing.

The children listened politely and understood the growing need for housing close to the town centre.

However, undaunted, they put forward some very sensible proposals that would meet both needs and the Assistant Director left, promising to consider the children's views carefully.

The planning officers were very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of the issue. They were also amazed by the passion with which the children argued to save such a beautiful open space for everyone.

The children were given the task of coming up with an alternative plan based on their ideas of developing only the park perimeter - so watch this space to see what happens next!

## **Curriculum Expectation**

This is a reminder on where to find the new curriculum expectations for your child on our website. Please go to [www.shevingtonvale.org.uk](http://www.shevingtonvale.org.uk) then go to the Office tab and click on the Parents' guide to the New National Curriculum.

Here you will find the skills that we use to plan the topics for your child. There are also tips for parents/carers on how to help at home.

**Have a safe and Happy Easter**



**School closes Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and re-opens Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**