

◆ Shevington Vale Newsletter ◆

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Holocaust Memorial

Once again our children put on a breath taking performance at St Anne's to mark the memorial of the Holocaust. All three schools came together for three full days at Shevington Community Primary School and in that time were able to create a 45 minute piece which included songs, drama and poetry. They recreated the harrowing story of Eli Wiesel and made everybody incredibly proud. The memorial even made the Wigan Observer and there are some fantastic pictures and an excellent write up should you wish to see more.

Smithills Farm

Reception children visited Smithills Farm; this is what Libby had to say: *We went on a coach. We went on a donkey ride, after we went on a tractor. Next we stroked animals. We saw cows being milked and we fed the animals. It was fun.*

The children are now looking forward to the 'Living Eggs' hatching experience coming into school after half term.

The Great Fire of London

In Year 2 this term we have been enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London. We have learnt the story and have been reading extracts from Samuel Pepys diary. We are now going to be writing our own stories about a fire, and are about to make medieval houses with thatched roofs! We've also been singing the rhyme in rounds.

Animals, Animals, Animals!

This term Year 1 have been extremely busy with our science topic, 'Weird and Wild - Animals including Humans'. Our first visitor was Dylan with his many reptiles. The children had the opportunity to hold, stroke or observe many creatures including bearded dragons, boa constrictors and tarantulas. Following that, the children had a fantastic trip to Farmer Ted's. Here they saw many animals including Hermantrude the cow being milked, the guinea pigs in their village and the ferrets racing! This last week of term the children have brought some pets of their own and have explained to the class how to look after them. A big thank you to Caleb (in Y5) and Harvey for sharing Caleb's baby tortoise 'Leo'. To Molly and Hallie for bringing in their gorgeous rabbits, Toffee and Biscuit, and to Harrison and his Nana and Grandad for sharing Juliet and Amour, the rescue puppies staying with them until they are re-homed next week.

Our Brilliant Trip to MOSI

We went to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. We went on the train. First we went to watch a show called The Wonder of Light. The people who were in the show were Mrs Goulden, Mrs Speakman, Aiden, Michael, Charlotte, Ben, Ruby and Kaitlyn. Next we went to the free hands science gallery All in all it was a great school trip.

By Catherine and Aiden Y3/4

Stars and Stripes

Our topic of 'Stars and Strips' has taken off with work on Walt Disney, The Declaration of Independence and Thanksgiving. Pupils have been using Green Screen Technology to help display their work and are working on showcasing this in their Top Copy books.

Our reading is improving all the time and three children were acknowledged for their exceptional achievement. Thomas read over 1.2 million words in one term!! The books are flying off the shelves in year Six, which is excellent news.

The children are working very hard at the moment with SATs coming up on the horizon. Boosters continue to be well attended and children are doing all they can to achieve the best possible outcome. Not long to go but it will be worth it I'm sure!

Mr Houghton

The Highwayman

This term our topic is 'The Highwayman - Hero or Villain?' We have researched our local highway man - George Lyon. We will be going on a school trip to Lancaster Castle where he was convicted of a list of crimes. We have learnt many facts about highwaymen and also highwaywomen. It has been very interesting and we can't wait to learn even more!

By Annabelle and Emma - Y5

Sickness and Absence

Please note if your child is sick or absent from school for any reason we ask that you ring school on the first day of absence to let us know. We also require a written note explaining the reason for absence when your child returns to school. If they have an appointment and you have a note or letter from the relevant agencies, could we please have a copy of this. This is a recommendation following our recent Ofsted report. Thank you.

**School closes Friday 17th February and re-opens on Monday 27th February.
Have a wonderful and safe half term holiday.**