

Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 16
November 2018

Term 2

Good afternoon

Our first curriculum focus this year, 'Art Week', led to a real celebration of the skills and progress our children have made in drawing, painting and mixed-media work. They have all shown such enthusiasm and pride in their work, and it has been a wonderful opportunity to show off the strengths individuals have, in other areas of learning.

On Thursday, they also had the chance to work with other children in the school and to collaborate, producing a huge variety of pictures, having used paint, pastels, collage and colours. These groups had Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils working together! The support shown by our older pupils, to the younger members of the class was lovely to see; all classes worked together in these House groups to share their skills and get to know each other better.

On Sunday, many families joined the Armistice Day service and procession to the War Memorial; Mr Robbins took a group of children from Year 6, to lay a wreath on behalf of our school.



Anti-Bullying Week: Choose Respect! This week, the children have focused on kindness and respect towards others, through their actions and behaviour. We would like parents to support us, in particular, in discussion and modelling of the correct use of Social Media. It is important that respect is shown towards each other online and that the children are taught to deal with upsets and issues through calm discussion.



Armistice Day

Last week, we welcomed Amber Cottee, the Learning Manager from the Royal Engineers Museum, to our school.

She, and two colleagues, brought a 'real' Victoria Cross (accompanied by a bodyguard!) to show the children during a Key Stage 2 assembly. The children listened to the story of a Kent man, who was awarded the cross for bravery, and we all observed a minute's silence to mark the end of the First World War.

She also spent time with each class in Year 6, showing artefacts from The Great War. It was a lovely opportunity to mark the centenary together and think of the soldiers from Paddock Wood, ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

As their focus for Art Week, the children in Year 2 studied Inuit art, to support their topic 'Frozen Lands' this term. This included learning about the lifestyles of the Inuit people and presenting this information in leaflets. The work of Meelia Kelly and the Cape Dorset style were explored to recreate arctic animals; bold colours were used to contrast with the black outlines.

At the start of last week, Year 4 explored the work of British sculptor Henry Moore; he was an artist inspired by nature and the human form. They developed many different skills to re-create some of his images using clay. They researched, drew, photographed and sculpted to re-create interesting interpretations of his sculptures.

Year 3 spent Art Week looking at the work of Henri Rousseau, who is known for his lush and tropical jungle drawings. They then focused on creating a picture with background, middle ground and foreground, and built up the layers to create their own jungle pictures, with hidden animals, using collage.

This week, they have focused on our theme of 'Choose Respect', as part of anti-bullying week. They all wore their odd socks, along with the rest of the school, but some children took this a stage further... Ella May designed her own 'odd socks' bunting at home, along with the message – it's ok to be different!



Dates for the diary:

Monday 3 December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity (2.30 pm)

Tuesday 4 December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity (9.15 am)

Monday 10 December – EYFS Nativity (2.30 pm)

Tuesday 11 December – EYFS Nativity (9.15 am)

Friday 14 December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch