

# Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 11  
January 2019

## Term 3

### Good afternoon

We have had a wonderful start to the year; it was lovely to see everyone return safely from their Christmas and New Year break. All year groups have got 'stuck-in' to their lessons, continuing the exciting and varied topics being studied across the school (the website has further detail around the curriculum content for each year group). Classrooms remain calm and focused, continuing to build on the quality of their work.

Next Thursday (17 January), we are looking-forward to our next themed lunch: Disney! We hope that all children will join us and we're sure there will be an exciting variety of Disney accessories on display (including from staff!).



Year 6 have continued learning aspects of WWI, and 6P have focused specifically on life in the trenches, writing the diary of a soldier. Megan writes:

*'The excitement and thrill I had previously experienced is now just a faded, dismal memory of regret, of that life-changing moment I signed the enlisting paper. Even though I am safe, I can still hear shells exploding and the desolate, piercing screams and desperate cries of the helpless men wounded in the face of war, still haunt me.'*



## Year 4 Needs you!

Class 4DG have begun working as part of a community project. They are just getting started and need your help to gather materials. They write:

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

**Our class, 4DG have been doing a Salus project. We have chosen to improve the nature area. If you could please kindly donate any of the following objects to use in our project, we would be really grateful.**

**We will need:**

- Pebbles
- Sticks
- Paint (any colour)
- Cable wire reels
- Plastic cups
- Seeds
- String

**If you know anyone that has these objects please could you be so helpful as to donate as many of these as you can.**

**Objects can be brought to the Year 4 area which is in between 4R and 4DG's classroom.**

**Kind regards  
4DG**

Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

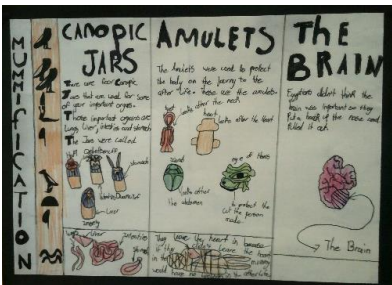
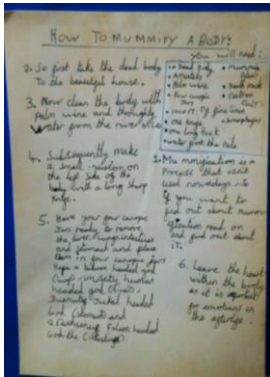
Year four have hit the ground running this term, getting stuck into many different activities. As a part of their Egyptian topic they have looked at mummification and even had a go at mummifying oranges, as well as writing accompanying instructions and diagrams.

The maths focus has been reasoning skills associated with addition and subtraction to cement their understanding.

Paintings of Egyptian Gods are starting to take place during art lessons and in Science, they are continuing to learn about teeth and how to take excellent care of them!

Anglo-Saxon life, continues to be the focus for topic work in Year 5, including: Anglo-Saxon Gods, laws and punishments. English lessons involve different forms of writing; persuasive writing and blackout poems will be drafted and edited, to be presented alongside topic work.

In Blackout Poetry the author takes a page of existing text and selects words to create a new idea about a completely different topic or theme, crossing out the words that are no longer needed. We looked at how to make a sentence grammatically correct so that it still made sense, even if the idea itself was nonsense!



Dates for the diary:

Thursday 17 January – Themed school lunch: Disney!  
Tuesday 29 January – Friday 1 February: Year 5 Residential trip