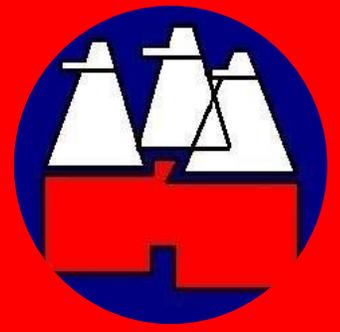


Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 1
March 2019

Term 4

Welcome Back!

We are glad to see all pupils back safe and well for the start of Term 4 and hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. At the end of last term, our second group of intrepid Year 5 pupils returned from their adventurous week in Wales. Here's what they got up to...



'After an early start and long journey to Plas Pencelli, our first challenge was making the beds (most of us needed a bit of help!). Then we got fitted into our water-proofs and wellies before heading to the gorge.

At the start of the gorge walk we walked through an old, abandoned railway tunnel. It was so dark that we couldn't tell if our eyes were open or closed! We had to hold on to the person's belt in front of us, dragging a stick along the wall with our left hand so that we didn't lose our way. Getting into and out of the tunnel we waded through water - part of it was so deep that it filled our wellies! The gorge walk was beautiful. We slid down and stood under waterfalls and we had to use communication and team work to help each other on tricky parts of the track.



Canoeing down the river was peaceful but challenging. The hardest job was sitting at the back of the canoes and being in charge of steering, or keeping us moving in a straight line. Luckily no one capsized!

We had to be very brave as we entered the caves. It was amazing to learn how the caves had been created over thousands of years by water forcing its way through the limestone. Part of the route meant that we had to crawl along on our hands and knees with our head torches lighting the way. Then there was the infamous 'letterbox' challenge!

Our last activity was rock climbing. Before lunch we did some scrambling and bouldering. Then, once we were in our harnesses, we had different roles within a group to help each other climb the cliff face; we had to really trust each other and work as a team. When we reached the top we had to abseil back down - the scariest part was leaning back away from the wall!

During Science Week (11-15 March) the children will experience a range of practical experiments and investigations, to enhance their scientific learning. To help us resource these activities, we would be grateful for any donations of the following items: large juice cartons, CDs, bottle tops (with a push/pull top), cardboard and marbles. These can be given in to the class teacher over the next week.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

7 MARCH 2019

Reading together...

On Friday 8 March, from 2.30-3.00pm, we will celebrate the end of our 'Book Week' with an invitation for parents and carers to join us in school. There will be an opportunity to share books and stories together as a family.

Following the success of our 'House Day' as a part of Art Week, we will again group pupils from Year 2 to Year 6, in their houses; we have also ensured that all siblings will be together in the same class.

Early next week, your child will bring home your invite; this will let you know which class your child or children will be in. You can also collect any siblings from EYFS or Year 1 beforehand, to take them with you. At 3pm, the children will return to their own class and you are welcome to collect them as usual, from 3.05pm.

Please feel free, to bring any books or stories you would like to share and we look forward to seeing you!



Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

Year 1 began Term 4 with an exciting discovery: their classrooms were not as they were left! They had an exciting day playing "detectives", investigating the crime in their classrooms. They collected evidence in their detective notebooks, took their fingerprints, wrote up their evidence and were told that this all pointed to the crime being committed by a wolf.

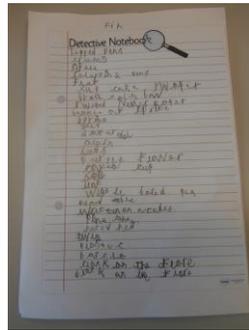
They have since created a picture of the wolf and understand that a little girl wearing a red cloak (Red Riding Hood) has made a complaint against him.

The day ended with the story of Red Riding Hood and the children are looking forward to learning more about the characters.



Miss Payne has, once again, been out and about on the school grounds, teaching Outdoor Education skills to Year 3. They have worked hard to work as a team in order to solve a variety of problems which are both physically and mentally challenging. The

photographs speak for themselves; fun while learning!



Dates for the diary:

Saturday 2 March: PTA quiz night

Monday 4 March: 3S to visit Dover Museum

Tuesday 5 March: 3A to visit Dover Museum

Thursday 7 March: World Book Day (pupils to dress up)

Friday 8 March: Parents invited in to 'share' stories

Monday 11 March - Friday 15 March: Science focus week

Friday 15 March: Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Monday 18 March: Year 4 mountain biking begins