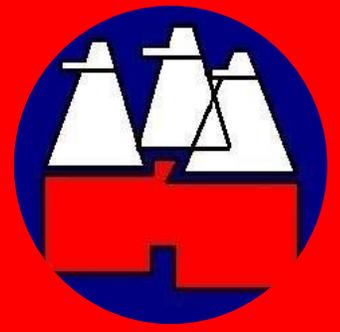


Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 29
March 2019

Term 4

School Council News...



Mrs Pointing has been meeting regularly with the School Council to develop projects around our school. One of these is the Buddy Bench and aims to support children on the KS2 playground, when they may feel isolated, or need a friend that day. She says...

'Our buddy bench is finally up and running in the Key Stage 2 playground! Already a success, the bench has attracted children who sometimes have difficulties finding others to play with at break and lunchtimes. The bench provides a place for them to go and where others will then speak to them, ensure they're okay and invite them to play. School Council and the Year 6 'buddies' have taken on particular responsibility for this but in an assembly, the whole of Key Stage 2 discussed its use and how they could all be responsible for it. Many thanks to the school PTA for funding this project.'

Another bench has arrived for the Key Stage 1 playground and the council members are eager to decorate it and put it in place as soon as possible. As a school, we are always looking for ways in which we can encourage the children to support each other outside of the classroom, to develop their skills in: empathy, communication and friendship.



Year 3 & 4 Choir

The Year 3/4 choir, ably led by Miss Armstrong, have spent the last three terms building up their repertoire of songs from musicals such as Les Miserables and Matilda.

This term, they have focused on songs written and performed by the Beatles and are preparing for a performance at the Easter service next week.

Miss Armstrong has been impressed with the children, who have a lovely tone and she looks forward to expanding their range of songs in preparation for a performance to parents in the coming weeks. Watch out for further details next term!



In order to promote independence amongst our pupils, we are always grateful for the support we receive from parents, when encouraging children to take responsibility to 'get ready for school'. Being able to remember daily items such as: reading books and records, PE kits and homework, are important skills to build on as they move through the primary school and beyond. We would appreciate your help in continuing this support, particularly in ensuring that children wear the correct uniform and PE kit. We would also like to ask that you remind children that toys and equipment such as 'slime' are not allowed in school.



Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Fozlurst Woods this week as part of their 'Into the Woods' topic. They created natural artwork using plants and items which were found among the trees; these were then used to form their initials within a frame. These will be used for the front covers of their new topic books!

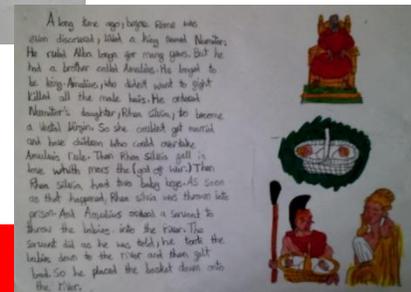
Next was an exciting scavenger hunt, to find different items with certain characteristics: things which were rough, shiny or the same size as their arm. All three classes were brilliant on the trip and extremely enthusiastic; they eagerly participated in all of the activities and were still talking about the activities, days later.

Each class used the trip as a starter for descriptive writing and recounts, including information about what they had seen, heard, touched and smelled. Thank you to all of the adults who gave up their spare time to join Year 2 on their visit.

The Roman Empire has been the focus for topic learning in Year 4 this term and they have been working hard to present their work in a variety of ways. The children have used a range of sources to find out about: their government, society, architecture, and (of course) their armies.

Books, maps, internet research and discussion have supported the children in building a clearer picture of Ancient Rome and how people lived. As well as presenting written work, the children have also looked at art inspired by roman culture and myths, such as Romulus and Remus – the story which explained the founding of Rome.

The children are very proud of the work they are producing and look forward to showing it off at parent consultations after the Easter break.



Dates for the diary:

- Friday 5 April – End of Term 4
- Thursday 25 April – Kid's Night Out
- Monday 29 April – Book Fair begins
- Tuesday 30 April & Thursday 2 May – Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5, Parent Consultations
- Friday 12 July – Year 6 Leavers Disco