

Paddock Wood Primary School

Friday 5
April 2019

Term 4

Happy Easter!



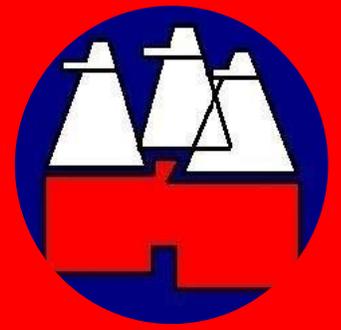
We had a very special and reflective end to the term at St Andrew's today. All year groups walked together to the church, where they participated in spring and Easter songs, and heard readings. Even our EYFS children sang 'Spring Chicken' to the rest of the school and enjoyed taking part in the service. Thank you to all the parents who walked with us.

Year 1 have been busy this week, participating in a range of Easter activities, to get them in the mood for their holiday! They ordered instructions for planting a bean and cleaning teeth; then, followed instructions to make crispy cake nests! After writing their instructions down, they then enjoyed eating them!

Next, they designed and made a bag for Red Riding Hood, as she had lost hers. Some were quite ambitious designs with features such as adding wheels to it, or a zip (which were swiftly discarded at the making stage!).

Finally, they made an Easter basket and participated in an Easter egg hunt, following clues around the school until they found a basket of eggs, then one egg in each basket.

As an added (and very exciting) surprise, Mr Mackenzie gave a chocolate presentation to Year 1 and year 2. He explained the process to make chocolate; they were all able to have a taste too!



Roadworks...

We have received a courtesy email, from WCB Utilities, to inform us of some gas mains replacement happening in the area around our school.

They will be starting 23/04/2019; roads that will be affected are: Birch Road, Forest Road, Warrington Road, Pinewood close, Badsell Road, The Goldings and Ringden Avenue

- The first section will be Forest Road, Birch Road and Pine Wood close.

- Next will be Ringden Avenue and The Goldings.

- The last section is Badsell Road at the traffic lights.

This project is due to run for 13 weeks.

In light of these roadworks, we ask that parents are extra cautious and patient driving to and from school, over this period.

Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

Year Three have come to the end of their topic on the Stone Age to Iron Age during which, they learnt how to survive if they ever travelled back to prehistoric times! This included looking at the ways society changed with the introduction of bronze and iron and how people moved away from a nomadic lifestyle to living in village settlements, and then in Iron Age forts.

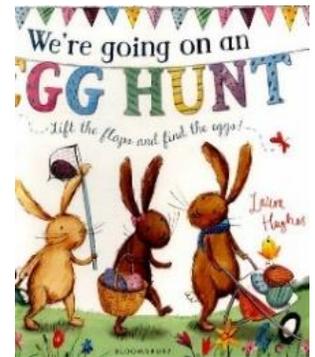
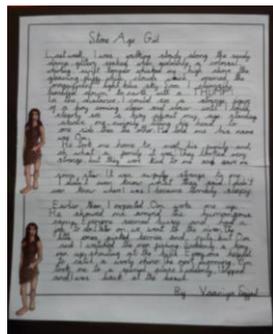
Children handled various artefacts and discussed what they might reveal about this time period and who might have owned them; activities were completed which required them to order the inventions from this period, such as fire and the wheel, in order of importance. This generated lots of discussion (and arguments!) and the children were able to present reasons for their choices.

There was an enjoyable visit to Dover Museum to see a Bronze Age boat and to handle real-life artefacts. Inspired by this, the children produced lots of fabulous art over the term, such as: a woolly mammoth, a bronze age clay boat and a recreation of 'Stonehenge'. They are now looking forward to a new topic next term: 'Extreme Weather'!

EYFS have also, this week, been learning about Easter and read the text 'We're going on an egg hunt' by Laura Hughes. They compared it to 'We're going on a bear hunt' and ordered pictures to sequence the story. This inspired children to write their own version of the story in little books which they proudly displayed in the classroom.

The children have used positional language (on, next to, behind) to describe the location of eggs and other objects. They have also learnt about repeating patterns and have recreated them on Easter eggs. They will continue to count every day and the teachers are pleased with how confidently the children can count on and back from different numbers.

The children have been busy making egg carriers to transport eggs safely around the outside area. They used a range of resources, including K-nex and boxes. Some children set up their own Easter egg hunts too, they wrote clues and hid eggs, waiting for other children to find them.



Dates for the diary:

Friday 5 April – End of Term 4

Monday 22 April – Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23 April – Start of Term 5

Thursday 25 April – Kid's Night Out

Tuesday 30 April & Thursday 2 May – Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5, Parent Consultations

Friday 12 July – Year 6 Leavers Disco