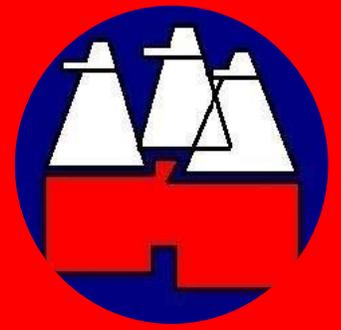


Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 19
October 2018

Last Week of Term 1!

Good afternoon

This week began with lots of exciting discussion amongst the children, following the autumn disco held last Friday. There were some impressive costumes, spooky faces and the children enjoyed showing their dance moves (as did many teachers too!).

After this positive start, we have had another week of focus and determination, with pupils producing work of a high quality, demonstrating progress in their learning throughout their books. Children are looking forward to showing off their achievements when we welcome you to parent consultations, after the break.

As we reach the end of a hard-working term 1, we are all looking forward to a restful week and a safe return, with lots of exciting events ahead. Following last year's success, we are again hosting a family firework night, organised by Friends of Paddock Wood Primary School, on Sunday 4 November. (Tickets are still available.)



'...my favourite part of the whole experience was straight ski fast races!!! ...I got to show almost everything I had learned, such as balance, co-ordination and stopping. I am very thankful to Chatham Ski and Snowboard Centre for helping us. It was spectacular.'
(Leo, 6P)



Outdoor Activities Begin

Year 6 hit the slopes.

Last week, Year 6 participated in a series of skiing lessons on the dry slopes at Chatham Snowsports Centre. Each class had three sessions, with the majority of children progressing from the nursery slopes, to the challenge of the ski lift on the higher gradient.

The children all completed the course enthusiastically, having developed their skills, showing perseverance, resilience and (above all else) considered risk-taking! Back in class, they have used their experience to inspire writing of different genres.

Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

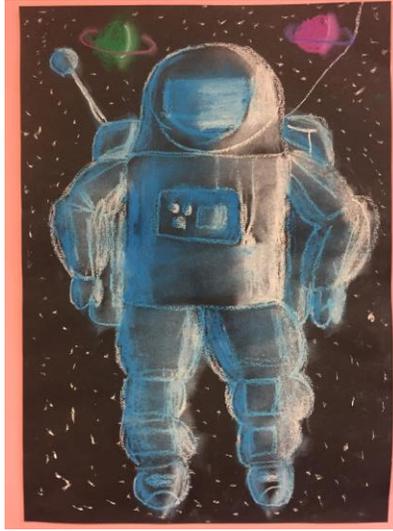
The children in Year 5 have studied aspects of Space this term, for their topic. This has included the planets of our solar system, space exploration and the Earth, Moon and Sun in science lessons. They have written detailed reports of the first moon landing and then developed narratives using their understanding of space as inspiration.

Using chalk pastels, the children produced these impressive images of astronauts. They are now working on images of the Northern Lights. You will be able to see these in their topic books.

This week, in Year 4, the children have been learning about the positive and negative effects of deforestation, why it is happening and what they can do to help slow it down. They have also been creating some amazing animal fact files, focusing on the features of a non-fiction text.

The children all very much enjoyed archery this week too! For many, this was the first opportunity to try this sport and they all showed fabulous skills!

Also finished and evaluated are their rain sticks. A great deal of thought went into designing the mechanism inside that allows the beads to fall at different rates and alters the sound.



Dates for the diary:

Friday 19 October End of Term 1.
Monday 29 October Inset Day (School closed to pupils).
Sunday 4 November Fireworks Night.
Tuesday 6 November and Thursday 8 November Parent Consultations.