

# Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 2  
November 2018

Welcome back to Term 2

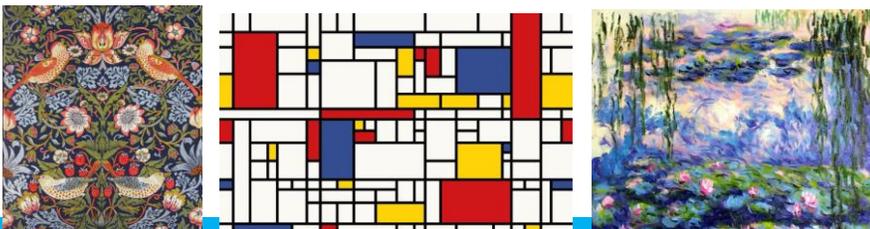
*Good afternoon*

We have had a calm, positive start to the term, following the break, and it has been lovely to see the way in which children have returned to school with enthusiasm. There has been much discussion about Halloween, and we are all looking forward to the firework night, organised by Friends of Paddock Wood Primary School, on Sunday 4 November.

On Tuesday and Thursday we look forward to welcoming parents into the school to talk to teachers about their child's progress.

Also next week, the pupils will all explore a range of art activities, as part of a curriculum focus week. Each year group will study a different artist and use a variety of medium (such as paint, pastels, collage and clay) to re-create a piece inspired by their work. They will also have the opportunity to work in their house teams to produce a collaborative picture.

We would like to invite parents and carers to see the gallery of work next Friday 9 November, which will be displayed in the small hall, from 3pm.



## Year 6 Skiing

'...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 Falp, 6P)*



## Open Days

This week, we have welcomed prospective parents and carers into our school. Year 5 pupils gave tours of the classrooms and outside areas, answering questions and talking about our learning.

It was fantastic to have so many families interested in our school some of whom came from outside the local area. Year 5 clearly did a fantastic job and showed real pride in our school as we have had lots of lovely comments and feedback.

'Our guides were amazing, very informative and enthusiastic'

'Our guide spoke beautifully and clearly, a very good role model'

'The children like learning, are very confident and happy'

## Learning in school so far...

### *This week's highlights:*

The children in year 4 have really wowed their teachers with the half term project work that they have brought in this week. The quality of the work is amazing and the children have been very excited to share their projects, how they made them and what they found out about. They have been so impressed at the standard of work and how well the children have spoken about their projects. It's been a really fabulous start to the Egyptians topic!

Next week they will start to investigate the language of newspapers and start to write parts of a report themselves, having investigated their features this week.

With some trepidation, Year 1 took a flight to the Arctic this week as the start of their new topic. They made passports, collected a boarding card and they were off! In preparation, they thought carefully about what items to take in a suitcase (some sensible!) having found the location on a globe and map.

In-flight drinks, biscuits and videos were a hit, although there was concern from a few that their suitcase may have disappeared. Luckily hats, scarves and gloves were found for an Arctic adventure in the playground. Many were sure they saw a penguin or two (even though they live in Antarctica!) but, they did find Arctic wildlife.



## Dates for the diary:

**Sunday 4 November** Fireworks Night.

**Tuesday 6 November and Thursday 8 November** Parent Consultations.

**Friday 9 November** Art gallery open to parents (3pm)

**Sunday 11 November** Armistice Day procession in Paddock Wood