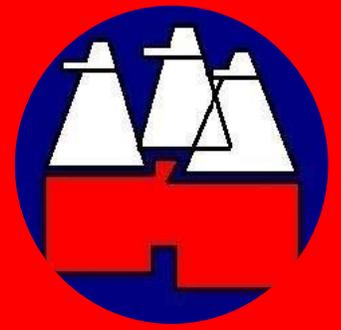


Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 23
November 2018

Term 2 *Good afternoon*

We have had another busy week; in particular, the sound of Christmas has been heard throughout the school, as EYFS, Year 1 and 2 begin to prepare for their Christmas performances. Thank you to parents who have provided costumes for their children, ready for rehearsals.

Miss Payne has led Year 3 this term, to brave the cold weather and take on some challenging and adventurous outdoor activities. In small groups, the children participated in fire lighting, archery and team-building activities. After Christmas these activities will be continuing, with the addition of some shelter building.

As the countdown to the festive season approaches, we are however, ensuring the children are focused on their learning and committed to improve their work, across all lessons. We are impressed with the calm approach our pupils have to their work and thank you again for your support with reading and homework.



The Great Outdoors

As part of the outdoor education activities, Year 3 discussed different ways to safely start a fire; the learning was focused on the three elements of the fire triangle. The children then had the opportunity to strike a match, and use a flint and steel, to create a spark.

From escaping Houdini's handcuffs, to passing the baton across a void, they also took part in a variety of teambuilding activities. This allowed the children to demonstrate the values of a good team member.



Archery sessions have put the children's Robin Hood talents to the test. The children focused on how to shoot the bow and arrow correctly, using their dominant eye. They played a range of games to help master their new skills, with lots of enthusiasm!



Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

Foundation Stage have spent the last two weeks exploring the story of The little Red Hen. They can re-tell the story with confidence and use actions to perform it, which has helped when writing sentences to describe the character.

The focus this week has been to extend their understanding through innovation. They have all thought of a different character and re-told the story; then they had the opportunity to act out their version of The Little Red Hen. The children all enjoyed asking questions and hot-seating each other to find out what their new character was like.

They are, of course, also busy getting ready for their Christmas Nativity too!

Year 5, are now fully immersed in their new topic about the Anglo-Saxons, and their place in British history.

This week, they have been writing descriptions of settings and characters based on the traditional story 'Beowulf'. This is a part of a structured narrative, to re-tell the story. They have also researched and discussed the origins of their people, why they settled in Britain, and where evidence can be found of their settlements.

They plan to then look further at the way that Britain has changed since that period and to explore defenses through weaponry!



Dates for the diary:

Monday 3 December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity (2.15 pm)

Tuesday 4 December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity (9.15 am)

Thursday 6 December – KS2 Carol Singing (2.00 pm)

Monday 10 December – EYFS Nativity (2.15 pm)

Tuesday 11 December – EYFS Nativity (9.15 am)

Friday 14 December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch

