

Paddock Wood Primary School

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Term 4

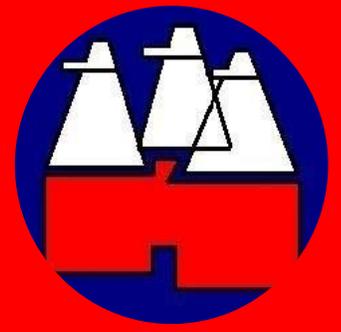
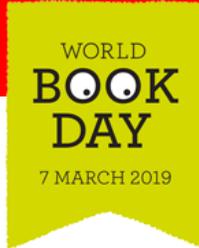
Book Week Extravaganza!

Book week - what a wonderful way to focus the children on reading skills and their love of stories. Every year group has been fully immersed in listening to, reading, sharing and even writing stories from a range of different genres.

Monday began with an assembly, to listen to a story together and to see how knowledgeable the children were about popular literature through a quiz; some teachers also shared their favourites from their childhood. Each year group then ran a series of activities based on a variety of quality texts.

World Book Day itself was a wonderful parade of creative costumes, including fantastic efforts from staff! *(A big thank you to parents for your time, in sourcing costumes once again!)*

The week ended, with a wonderful opportunity to share the children's passion for reading here at PWPS. We hope you enjoyed the chance to join a 'story-time' with your child in the classroom. There was a wonderful atmosphere around the school, with a lovely range of genres being shared.



COMIC RELIEF

It is once again time to 'Get Set for Red Nose Day' which is taking place on Friday 15 March! Year six are busy planning and preparing a range of fun activities to raise money for a variety of causes. These will include: sports skills, guessing games, puzzles and (of course) someone is bound to get soaked!

From Monday 11 March and for the rest of the week, Year 6 pupils will be selling red noses on the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds at 8.30am and again at the end of the day until 3.45pm. This year they are £1.25 and there are a variety of different surprise characters! We will limit them to 1 nose per child initially, to make sure that every child can buy one. By Thursday, you are welcome to buy any we have left over.

Details of the day will follow next week, including prices and Year 6 are creating posters to advertise their activities, so everyone can decide which games they would like to play.

If you would like to find out more and see where the money raised from the noses will go, please visit the website at:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>



Next week is Science Week, where the children will experience a range of practical experiments and investigations, to enhance their scientific learning. To help us resource these activities, we would still be grateful for any donations of the following items: large juice cartons, CDs, bottle tops (with a push/pull top), cardboard and marbles. These can be given in to class teachers on Monday morning.



Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

Year 4 have explored different picture books, and have been inspired to produce creative texts and art from them. 4R created mixed-media collages and wrote descriptive paragraphs based on the works of Jeannie Baker. 4P and 4DG explored the book *Journey*. 4DG created their own imaginary worlds and wrote free verse poetry while 4P created a map of their own island and wrote a description of their favourite part of it.

'The water is as still as a statue. It's clear and still. Blades of grass with a touch of brown on top, swirl in the wind. I feel the breeze brush against my cheeks. The clouds are polar bears dancing through the sky.'

Daisy – Year 4

'I walked into the evergreen jungle. The leaves were flying towards my face. My skin was turning so pale I just look like a plain page, all feeling gone except despair. Looking at the sunset dying down made me realise something. A Viking could have been standing right where I am now.'

Ava – Year 4

Reading the book, 'The great storm' by Terry Deary, Year 3 have completed a variety of activities, through the exploration of characters and setting; they wrote their own descriptions of these using the language and structures used by Terry Deary, as an inspiration. They also made book covers for their own favourite books.

A World Book Day quiz and book recommendations of their favourite books were also a part of the week's activities. 3S in particular, read *Mary Poppins* and made umbrellas. I wonder if they had any magical properties...

In EYFS, classes have read, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'; much fun has been had writing about their favourite part of the story, discussing their favourite pancakes and even making them from their own designs! Pupils also pretended to be the character of Mr Wolf and used the opportunity to ask him lots of tricky and interesting questions such as: 'How did he carry the ingredients home?' and 'How did he read a recipe upside-down?'



Dates for the diary:

Monday 11 March - Friday 15 March: *Science focus week*

Friday 15 March: *Comic Relief – Red Nose Day*

Monday 18 March: *Year 4 mountain biking begins*