

Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

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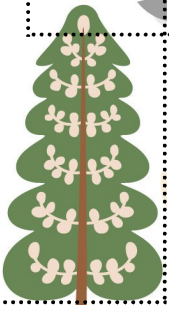
This week has been very exciting! We began on Monday with a visit from the Fire Service! We had a talk from some firefighters about how to stay safe in a fire, who to call in a fire, what firefighters do and a few of us even got to try on a firefighters uniform! We then had a tour of the fire engine and go to walk through it with the engine on. It was very loud and big! Finally, we were lucky enough to have a go at spraying the water hose and were amazed at how difficult it is to hold the hose with the strong water pressure. We enjoyed cutting and sticking fire engines and learning about what fire fighters do to stay healthy and safe. On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and we discussed how we can safely be online and use smart speakers (if we have one!). In maths we have been learning about numbers 6, 7 and 8 and practised doubles. We also recapped subitising to 8. Our other focus this week has been Lunar New Year where we learnt all about what Lunar New Year is and how it is celebrated.



In provision, we made lanterns and red envelopes with money inside as well as looked for animals around the room and subitised. Why not ask us what animal it is the year of for 2026? In Music this week we discovered some facts about the Horn and listened to Horn Concerto by Mozart! We performed our glockenspiels in small groups and focussed on our accuracy of rhythm. In our provision this week we have played a subitising BINGO with dice, used our phonic knowledge to write CVC words by spotting what's in the jar, a phonics read and park game, elastic band boards, making numbers to 5 and 6 and made a stick den in the woods!

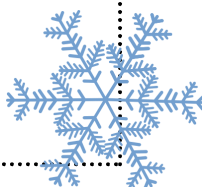
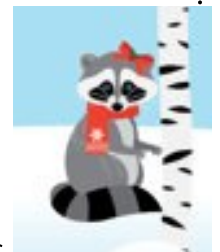
Year 1

We are now halfway through the school year, and we can't believe how quickly the time has flown! Year 1 have already achieved so much in their learning, and this week was no exception. In maths, the children worked incredibly hard as they completed their learning on numbers up to 20. They were eager to show off everything they had learnt during their maths assessments and really impressed their teachers. The children also did exceptionally well in their phonics assessments this week. After learning so many new sounds this half term, they showed great confidence and made us all extremely proud. In computing, Year 1 continued to develop their laptop skills and particularly enjoyed celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. The children demonstrated their understanding of how to use the internet safely and learnt how to open a pre-saved document, add an image and save their work again. We have been astounded by just how quickly the children are learning to use laptops independently. A special shout-out goes to the star athletes who competed at the athletics event at The Spectrum on Wednesday. Miss Jackson, Mrs People and Mrs Steel were extremely impressed with how hard the children tried and how brilliantly they represented Pirbright. Well done – we are all very proud of you! Now, it's time for everyone to enjoy a well-deserved week of rest!



Year 2

We have been very busy in Year 2 this week with all the exciting learning we have completed. In English, we learned about 2A sentences, also known as expanded noun phrases. We then used all the skills we had learned, including commas in a list and subordinating conjunctions, to help us plan a recount of when Mary Anning made her first big discovery, 'The Ichthyosaur'. We then used our plan to help us write the recount, remembering to include all the skills we had learned. In Maths, we came to the end of our unit on 'Money'. We focused on making pounds and finding change and then applied all our knowledge to solve multi-step problems. We also celebrated 'Internet Safety Day', with a focus on using AI safely, how voice assistants work and how to use them responsibly. 2BT have worked hard this week on their class assembly. They used their fantastic acting and singing skills to perform to the rest of the school and their parents. It was great! Well done, 2BT. We hope you all have a lovely rest over half term.





Pirbright's Learning Week

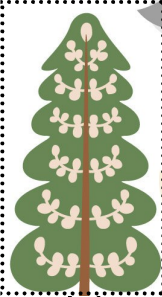
Year 3

Phew – is it nearly half term? We have been working so hard in Year 3 that we are certainly ready for a break! In English this week, we have showcased all of the skills we have been developing and refining to write a piece of character dialogue between Flat Stanley and his family all about his Egyptian adventure! Why don't you ask us what features we have tried to include? Maths this week has seen us come to end of our measurement unit with a focus on the perimeter of 2D shapes. On Tuesday, we had some time exploring what perimeter means in small groups which definitely helped us when it came to measuring perimeter and calculating perimeter later in the week. Maybe we could find the perimeter of shapes at home? We have jumped head first into Ancient Egypt this week too. We started the week by exploring what life was like in Early Egypt by using our inference skills and looking at images. We were able to look at some of the Ancient Egyptian jobs a little bit closer and created a hierarchy using labels and images. Excitingly, we also started to investigate hieroglyphs with a focus on the Rosetta Stone. We then used hieroglyphs to write our names! As we said... Year 3 definitely deserve a half term rest after all that learning!



Year 4

What a wonderful last week of this half-term! We had our topic finale of making and eating our Greek inspired flatbreads. They were a total success and much enjoyed by everyone. We certainly practised our cooking skills of weighing and measuring, mixing, chopping, kneading, rolling and decorating! We have finished our Maths unit on multiplication and division and we are very much looking forward to our new unit on length and perimeter after half term! We have loved writing an extra Labour for Heracles in English, and have included so many descriptive words and phrases to bring our myth to life, especially when writing about our newly created mythical beasts. We are very sad to complete our topic on Ancient Greek and our final lesson was looking at the legacy they left behind and deciding which were the most important ones. Next term we are looking at our new topic Are animals all the same? Don't forget we are celebrating World Book Day on the 6th March and we go to Marwell Zoon on the 25th March – it's a very busy half-term. Thank you for all your support this term and have a lovely half-term- fingers crossed it will stop raining!



Year 5

This week has seen the Year 5 children working hard to complete several different areas of learning, ready for our new 'Diversity of Life' topic, which begins after next week's break. Over the course of the week, we read the emotional final chapters of 'Kensuke's Kingdom', which has been our focus text since Christmas. For their final writing task, the children have had a go at writing a contrasting setting description of the island: this time when it was caught in the path of a torrential, night-time storm! In Art, we used the same book as the inspiration for painting some beautiful images of blossoming cherry trees too. In Science, we have continued to learn about forces; after last week's work on water resistance, this week we looked at air resistance. Despite the cold, we had a lot of fun running up and down the playground both with and without a giant parachute attached! One area that has not yet concluded is our decimals work in Maths. The children have made a great start learning how decimal place value works and, after the break, they will be applying that to calculating with decimals too.



Year 6

We've been enjoying a science focus this week, completing our work on light and turning our attention to the human body - particularly the heart. This involved creating a paper model and also a working pump from a cup, balloon and a couple of straws! The intrepid cyclists have completed their 'Bikeability' courses this half term, with the final group finishing off today. They've braved all weathers in their quest to become better road-users. In English we have written 'Trip Advisor' style reviews of Camp Green Lake. In maths we have completed our work on decimals and rounded off with some end-of-block mini assessments. Rugby was fun on Tuesday - when we managed to dodge the rain - and we have some excellent players in the year group.

