

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.

## Reception

Reception have had a very exciting week this week...the mischievous Evil Pea was on the loose! Can you guess what book we were reading this week? That's right...Supertato! We began by reading the book and completed a Drawing Club where we drew Supertato and added labels, using our knowledge of digraphs and trigraphs to help us! On Tuesday, we received a phone call to say the Evil Pea had been let loose in Reception and we spent the day looking for clues and making posters to help find him! He even trapped all the veggies and taped them to the windows! We used magnifying glasses in the woods and used tweezers to hunt through our Fine Motor tuff tray with hundreds of peas in...but he was no where to be found! We were incredible Superhero Searchers though and at the end of the day, we found Evil Pea and the cheeky pea was put back in the freezer where he belongs! In Art, we made Supertato collages and in maths, we learnt about time (how long 30 seconds is) and the days of the week. We drew a calendar on the board and discussed what we have done each day of the week to help us understand what days are in the past and which ones are in the future. We also learnt about numbers 9 and 10. In Music we divided up into groups and performed as a band. Some of us performed on the djembe drums, some on the glockenspiels, others were on hand held percussion and we all sang! It was so much fun to work together to create a performance. In PE, we practised for Cross Country on the field in the lovely sunshine and in French, we sang the whole Cowboy Song! In the provision we have fed Evil Pea with tweezers, measured lines with cubes, played hop scotch and painted daffodils.



## Year 1

This week was a very special one for Year 1 as it marked the second—and sadly the final—Year 1 class assembly, with 1RG performing on Friday. We were incredibly proud of every child for the effort they put into learning their lines, practising the songs and remembering all the actions. Well done 1RG – all your hard work truly paid off! Despite a busy schedule full of rehearsals, Year 1 also enjoyed celebrating British Science Week. On Tuesday, we learned how to make paper spinners and tested them outside to see how well they worked. Afterwards, we evaluated our designs and discussed how we could improve them to make even faster spinners. It was fantastic to see the children thinking like real scientists! Alongside all this excitement, the children also completed their very first formal assessments this week. Some of the questions were quite tricky, but the children showed great determination and resilience. They worked incredibly hard and left their teachers very impressed with their effort and perseverance. What an incredible week of performing, investigating and learning—wonderful work, Year 1!

## Year 2

It's been a jam-packed week of fun and learning in Year 2! We celebrated Science Week by exploring life cycles and taking part in a hands-on experiment in the science lab. We loved investigating and using our scientific enquiry skills as we designed and built our own foil rafts. We then tested the different models in water to see which raft could float while holding the largest crew of marbles. In Maths, we moved from multiplication into division, learning about sharing and grouping. We also practised doubling and halving, before exploring different strategies and choosing our favourite method for dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Alongside this, we have continued working hard on TTRS, earning coins while developing our fluency and confidence in both multiplication and division. In English, we have been focusing on reading comprehension, working through reading papers and answering questions based on a text. We worked hard to retrieve information, understand new vocabulary and explain our thinking clearly. From our Forest School adventures to finishing the week with an exciting cross country run, we have shown fantastic enthusiasm throughout. We are so proud of the resilience, determination and wonderful sportsmanship that was shown!





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

Year 3 have had a week of demonstrating their perseverance and resilience and they have done a fantastic job of doing so! We have certainly put them through their paces with reading and maths special assessment booklets – an opportunity for them to show off all of the wonderful knowledge they have gained so far - as well completing the cross country this afternoon! In English, this week, we became Howard Carter and wrote diary entries all about finding the tomb of Tutankhamun. We worked so hard to make sure we were using our writing tool kits with a focus on subordinating conjunctions, perfect present tense and double -ly adverbs to make our writing interesting. Following on from learning about pivots and levers, we put the mechanisms to the test during our DT sessions to make fully working shadufs. We worked as a team to first of all design our machine, thinking carefully about its purpose, appropriate resources and mechanisms. Next, we used our collaboration skills to work together and build our working mechanisms. Lastly, we reflected on our project and thought about what went well, what was difficult and would we would change or improve next time. We can't wait for you to see them at our Ancient Egypt pop up museum in a couple of weeks.



## Year 4

It's been another super busy week in Year 4. It has been assessment week and we have been showing off our amazing progress in our maths – arithmetic and reasoning and our fabulous comprehension skills on our reading paper! We are exhausted but have shown so much determination and resilience to do our best – all of the teachers are very proud of us! To celebrate Science week, we started off our new science topic learning some different ways to sort out group animals to a range of different criteria and learning the importance of food webs and what might happen to the plants and animals if there is a drought or trees are cut down. We enjoyed looking at Henri Rousseau's Surprised painting this week – to inspire us to make an exciting animal pattern print over the next 2 weeks. This week we finally met the Krindlekrax in our story – please ask us what happened to Corky when they met (down in the sewer)! The Book Fair has brought its usual excitement and we have enjoyed sharing our new books with our classmates. Don't forget Comic Relief next Friday, when we can dress up in something funny for money! We are very short of pens in class – please make sure our pencil cases are fully stocked.



## Year 5

As we reach the midpoint of this half term, Year 5 have begun the task of producing next week's Easter Assembly. Parts have been allocated, so that everyone who wants to be involved has been, and we have been very busy rehearsing our lines and songs! In our learning about our local area, we have begun to plot places of interest on DigiMap, revisiting some of the map skills we learnt last half term. Linked to this, the children began to look at the history of the railways in the UK: why and how it developed, and the positive and negative impact it has had in different areas. Friday was a particularly eventful day; along with the rest of the school, Year 5 marked 'Science Day' by going off-curriculum to conduct a scientific investigation. In our case, it was into the optimum size, shape and materials to use for a bird's nest. Friday also saw us joining in with the rearranged inter-house cross-country races, which is always a highlight of the school year. Oh, and we have also completed a series of end of term assessments in Maths and English this week too – it's been another busy one!



## Year 6

This week in maths our focus has been on calculating the area of rectangles, triangles and compound shapes. We have also worked on arithmetic with the children scoring very well; most achieving their best ever results! In English we have completed our newspaper unit with super reports about the infamous outlaw Kissin' Kate Barlow. We're now looking forward to finishing the book and having the opportunity to write our own story endings. Science has been a real focus and we have been carrying out experiments on exercise and heart rate, plotting graphs of results and looking for patterns. In addition to this science focus, we have been coding in computing and also sharing our fabulous family tree projects with the class.

