

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

This week we have been super busy in Reception and having lots of fun out in the sunshine! We have focused on spring this week and learnt about the season of spring and how we know its come around! We read the story 'That's my Flower!' and discussed the signs of spring in the book. We then did a Drawing Club and drew pictures of spring animals and spring flowers. We then wrote a sentence about what we drew. In Art we did monoprinting! We really enjoyed this and are so proud of the outcome. We spread paint on a printing board, drew a flower with our finger and then gently pressed paper down on top. We peeled it off to create some lovely flower prints. They look fantastic! In maths, we learnt about finding 1 more and 1 less to 10, the composition of numbers to 10 and number bonds to 10! We played lots of maths game to help us with this. As part of our Understanding of the World, we went on a Spring Walk around the school field. It was lovely in the sunshine and we found lots of clues to show us it is now spring from bees and ladybirds to flowers and blossom. In Music this week we all learned how to perform the 'Hokey Cokey' which made us all giggle! We then worked in bands of three or four and were given one djembe drum, two glockenspiels and another piece of percussion. We composed a short piece of music and showcased this composition to the rest of the class. In French, we started learning about Sea Creatures and how to

say some animal names in French! Why not ask us which ones we learnt? In PE, we practised our gymnastics skills in the hall and on Friday, we had the best time raising money for Comic Relief by doing lots of activities such as bracelet making and having a DISCO! Our provision this week has included watercolour flower painting, making spring mini books, engaged in a farm roleplay, made tricky word watches, practised doubling with numicons, made lolly stick patterns on butterflies, made blossom milkshakes outside and had lots of fun in the woods, sandpit and climbing frame area!



Year 1

It has been a wonderfully creative and artsy week in Year 1! At the start of the week, the children were introduced to the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We explored some of his colourful and unusual artwork, discussing which pieces we liked and didn't like, and explaining our reasons. The children enjoyed noticing his bright colours, interesting patterns and unique shapes. Later in the week, we experimented with watercolours, testing different techniques to help us decide how we would like to create the backgrounds for our own artwork, which we will begin next week. Creativity continued in English, where we imagined our own planets for the Smeds and the Smoos to live on. The children carefully planned their planets, thinking about what they might look like and what could be found there. They then wrote their own setting descriptions, editing their work to make it even better. To finish off a fantastic week, we celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday! The children had a brilliant time taking part in a range of fun activities, including an arcade, a disco, bracelet making and ball games. It was a wonderful way to end such a busy and imaginative week in Year 1.



Year 2

We've had another wonderfully fun and creative week at school. We began by learning about the artist Lucy Arnold and created our own artist study pages in our new sketchbooks, exploring her style and techniques. We then looked closely at her artwork and wrote about what we noticed and liked. Following this, we learnt about secondary colours and carefully mixed paints to create our own. We also learnt about warm and cool colours through mixing and painted our own detailed butterflies inspired by Lucy Arnold. We also enjoyed our final Forest School session, where we had a fantastic time toasting marshmallows over the fire. In maths, we reached the end of our multiplication and division unit but will continue to build fluency through chanting, games and by logging into Times Tables Rock Stars. In music, we began learning to play the recorder and have already learnt the notes B, A and G. In English, 2BT wrote their own versions of *Caterpillar Shoes*, creating imaginative titles such as *The Bee's Honey* or *The Spider's Web*. They used suffixes like -ed and -ly, as well as including interesting sentence starters and a variety of sentence types. We also began evaluating puppets and designing our own minibeast hand puppets, which we are looking forward to sewing next week in Design and Technology.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

It's been another jam-packed week here in 3SC! We've been extremely busy getting lots of bits and pieces ready for our Egyptian pop-up museum next week. After delving into hieroglyphics a few weeks ago, we used our sculpture skills to create our own clay cartouches, inscribed with our names in hieroglyphics. We then used Egyptian colours (and a lot of patience!) to paint them. Make sure you look out for them on Wednesday afternoon! After all the excitement of Howard Carter finding Tutankhamun's tomb, we delved deeper into the world of Pyramids to learn about their architecture before making our own 3D versions full of facts we have learnt. In English, we have been showing off our beautiful new handwriting skills, which has been a big focus this term, to write up in neat our amazing Howard Carter diary entries. Maths saw us start our new unit of 'Mass and Capacity', where this week we have focused on measuring mass in kgs and gs, finding equivalent masses, comparing mass and solving addition and subtraction problems. In amongst all this, we have also managed to support our friends with their Rock n Pop performance, support Comic Relief and have lots of Red Nose Day fun as well as invite you in for a learning look too! Phew!



Year 4

We have been so pleased to see the sunshine this week! It was the last week of clubs for the term and we have so enjoyed all the different activities from computing to karaoke to yarn crafts. We had our final rounders session this week – working on our bowling, fielding and batting. In maths we have finally started our fractions unit of work- ensuring we understand what the whole means and counting up in fractions above 1. In our science, we have been investigating how to classify different vertebrates- please ask us to tell you which group different animals belong to and why they fit into those groups. In art we are designing our own collagraph printing pad, inspired by the patterns on different birds and animals and we will be printing with them next week. We are so glad that we now have our own class copies of Krindlekrax to read and were excited to find out how Corky became the hero of Lizard Street, and was awarded a medal. Please ask us to explain what happened. We are getting very excited about our trip to Marwell next Wednesday and look forward to seeing all the animals that we have been learning about.



Year 5

As we approach the end of the spring term, our current topic, 'The Diversity of Life', is also drawing to a close; this week, the children have continued to develop the letters that they began planning last week, imagining that they are the main character from 'The Arrival', writing a letter to the family that he left behind. We have spent a lot of time drafting, editing and polishing these letters to make sure that they are the best possible examples of our writing. Migration was also the theme of our work in PSHE this week, as we researched data about immigration into the UK (going as far back at 2400 BC!) and comparing that to the data for other countries around the world. In Maths, we began a short topic on Area and Perimeter - the children have learnt to solve missing length problems for rectilinear shapes, as well as calculating the perimeter of these, and polygons. Why not ask if they can explain their Maths learning to you? The relatively good weather has allowed us to get outside and enjoy two separate PE sessions this week, practising our skills in both basketball and tennis.



Year 6

This week in maths we have continued with our focus on calculating the area of triangles and parallelograms. We have also worked on reasoning with the children scoring very well; most achieving their best ever results! In English we have planned narratives incorporating a balance of action, description and dialogue based on the ending of Holes. Our sewing has been great and the cushions are taking shape. We'll complete them next week. We also enjoyed tennis; while some children practised their rugby for the event on Thursday. In computing, we have been working on coding, with a particular focus on variables. We've continued to share our fabulous family tree projects with the class.

