

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 has been exciting down in Reception. We have been learning all about Easter; who celebrates Easter and how we celebrate Easter. We then made an Easter basket, using our skills of cutting, sticking and joining. In maths we have been learning about numbers to 10. We learnt about arrangements to 10, number bonds to 10 and doubles to 10. As part of our Understanding of the World, we learnt about reversible and irreversible changes and melted chocolate to help us understand this. Why not ask us what happens when we heat chocolate and then refrigerate it? In Rhyme Time we sang the song 'Wee Willy Winky' as a year group and enjoyed using the instruments in Music. In phonics we have been reading words with a variety of digraphs and practising our lovely writing! We used our lovely letter formation to write words and phrases. In PE we had lots of fun doing gymnastics in the hall with the mats and apparatus and worked hard with balancing and working as team. In French we learnt about under water animals and on Friday we went to the Easter assembly and enjoyed singing some Easter songs. In the provision this week we have made Easter egg patterns, painted spring pictures, made flower perfume, did a spring word hunt in the woods, played a dinosaurs digraph dash, matched numbers to 10 to their representations and practised letter formation in salt. We also used magnifying glasses to spot tricky words and rolled little balls of pink Play Doh to make pink blossom. We hope everyone has a lovely and restful Easter break!



## Year 1

What an exciting final week of term it has been for Year 1! This week, the children enjoyed their very first Year 1 school trip to Brooklands Museum. They had a fantastic time exploring the planes, driving Formula 1 cars, and even stepping on board the real Concorde. After returning to school on Thursday, the children impressed us all by writing wonderful recounts of their trip, remembering key details and sharing their favourite moments. We also enjoyed a special family lunch, which was a lovely opportunity to come together and celebrate the end of a busy and successful term. In the afternoon, the children completed their beautiful artwork inspired by Hundertwasser and *The Smeds and the Smoos*. They painted their own planets using watercolours and carefully placed them onto their vibrant, creative backgrounds. Well done, Year 1, for such an amazing end of term!

## Year 2



We started the week with a bang with our trip to Nower Wood, where we had a fantastic time exploring the woodland environment. We went pond dipping and discovered a variety of fascinating creatures living in the water. We also took part in a minibeast hunt, where we searched carefully in different habitats and then classified our findings based on how many legs they had. It was wonderful to see the curiosity and enthusiasm as we learned more about the natural world. Please ask us what a detritivore is! We also spent time using our senses in the wilderness, listening to the sounds around us, observing closely and enjoying the sights and smells of the forest. On Tuesday, we enjoyed our final gymnastics session. We worked hard on our jumps, balances, and climbing skills, using the apparatus with increasing confidence. We focused on creating clear starting and finishing positions, as well as linking movements together into short sequences. We also began our sewing project! After evaluating existing products and designing our own minibeast hand puppets last week, we started by practising threading a needle and learning a running stitch and over stitch using binca. Later in the week, we cut our felt into the shapes we needed and brought our designs to life by creating our own minibeast hand puppets. We also finished our Lucy Arnold art unit by painting butterflies. We focused on colour mixing, adding detail and creating symmetry in our designs, just like Lucy does. We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you for the Summer term!





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

It may have been the last week of term this week but that hasn't stopped the hard work in Year 3! It was so lovely to see so many of you come and share the children's learning at our Ancient Egypt Pop-up museum. We hope you had as much fun learning about Ancient Egypt as we did! The children were so incredibly organised and creative in sharing their learning with you and have worked incredibly hard across the term. We are so proud of them and we hope you are too! Despite preparing for the museum, we also managed to squeeze in our last bits of Egyptian learning. We continued to create some interpretive dance routines with Ms Jackson, imagining we were working the fields in Ancient Egypt, as well as learning all about mummification. We even managed to mummify different objects ready for the After Life. In Maths this week, we were able to complete our unit of mass and capacity, ready to start our second unit on fractions after the Easter break. Don't worry though... amongst the museum preparation and rounding off our topic we also managed to squeeze in some Easter fun too. We very much enjoyed the Year 5 Easter assembly. We hope you have a well-deserved rest ready for a busy Summer term!



## Year 4

What a wonderful last week of term! We had such a brilliant Trip to Marwell Zoo on Wednesday – the children were amazing and fabulous ambassadors for Year 4 and Pirbright! We were surprisingly extremely lucky with the weather the only rain coming as we arrived back to school. A huge THANK YOU to our fabulous parent helpers who supported all the children and teachers brilliantly – we couldn't have done it without you. We were lucky to see so many amazing animals – we especially loved the giraffes, the otters, pygmy hippos, penguins, okapis, Pasha the tiger, Cherry the red panda, ring-tailed lemurs, cotton headed tamarind monkeys and some very exotic birds in the Tropical House. Please ask your child which were their favourite animals to see! We have finally completed reading *Krinklekrax* and we absolutely loved it with all the children giving it a 5-star rating. We have thoroughly enjoyed our animal topic this term. However, the summer term is already looking busy with tennis lessons, forest school sessions and Sound and Hearing and The Romans! Have a wonderful Easter break.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been so busy this week, completing all our topic learning before the Easter break. Our Learning in Maths has continued to be all about 'Shape' and in particular, how to calculate the area of simple rectilinear shapes. In English, we have squeezed in a short series of lessons focusing on the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. After researching his life and career, we looked in detail at his poem, *'The British'*, focusing on its; form and style. Later in the week, we had a go at creating our own poems, using a similar structure, but all about Pirbright! As part of our learning about diversity, and Islam in particular, we have had a go at sketching the architectural features of the Shah Jahan Mosque, which we are looking forward to visiting next term. Of course, a good proportion of this week was spent in learning lines, rehearsing and perfecting the Easter Assembly. We were very impressed with the final performance - the whole school really enjoyed the show - a fantastic way to finish the term.



## Year 6

We are very impressed by the quality of the children's cushions. Many of them have perfected a variety of stitches and have shown a committed and patient approach to making them the best they can be! In English, we have completed our unit on Holes with some excellent narrative writing. On our return, we will start on non-chronological recounts, which will provide a very different set of skills to be practised. In maths, we have had Mr Wright supporting some of the groups over the last couple of weeks and that has provided us with opportunities to have a higher ratio of staff to pupils and has really benefited the children. We are hoping he may be able to continue this on our return to school for a few weeks leading into the SATs! We finished our tennis lessons this week - despite the sleet that came down. Also, we have raised lots of money on the Easter raffle which supports the residential trip in June.

