

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 learnt about Coastguards! We read the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and did our first Drawing Club of the week where we had to draw a disgusting sandwich for the seagulls to eat. Then we learnt about what Coastguards do and how they help people. We watched a video about Coastguards and discussed with our talk partners something we learnt about what they do. Why not ask us to teach you something about them? In maths we have learnt about making doubles to 10, exploring odd and even numbers and recognising 2D and 3D shapes. In PE we enjoyed games on the field and working in teams and in French we continued learning about sea creatures! Why not ask us what animals we can remember? In Art, we made lighthouses! We used the flange cut to secure our lighthouse to the base and used paint and tape to make the white and red colours. We then used plastic cups and tinfoil to make the light and they look fantastic! We are so proud of them and worked really hard. In our provision this week we have had a restaurant role play area, practised addition to 10 using sand hands, read phase 3 phonics captions and matched them to the right picture, explored different ways to make 10 using numicons, made patterns with coloured lolly sticks, built lighthouses with red and white building blocks to see how tall we could make them, completed an 'under the sea' word hunt in the woods by reading phase 3 words and recording it on a sheet and had fun with our water animal tuff tray. We also enjoyed the sandpit where we made sand cakes and had a sand cake wedding!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back as we begin the summer term! We were delighted to welcome the warmer weather and made the most of it by exploring the season of spring. The children enjoyed discussing the changes we can see around us, from blooming flowers to longer, sunnier days. As the week went on, our learning turned to trees. We investigated the different parts of a tree and discovered the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ideas. In maths, we have been building on our place value knowledge and are now confidently working with numbers all the way up to 100! It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence as they explore larger numbers. 1DG had a brilliant time at their very first forest school session on Wednesday, enjoying outdoor learning and new experiences. Meanwhile, 1RG had a particularly energetic week with three PE sessions! A highlight for many was Wednesday's PE lesson with Mr Hague, which was full of fun and activity. What a superb start to the term—well done, Year 1!



Year 2

It's hard to believe we're already at the start of the summer term - time really is flying by, and this year feels quicker than ever! As always, the children have jumped straight back into their learning with great enthusiasm. Before beginning our exciting new topic on the Victorians, we spent this week exploring the fascinating world of plants. We started by sorting and grouping different types of flowers, followed by carefully dissecting flowers and identifying and describing the function of each part. We learnt about the life cycle of a radish before we begin our investigation next week, planting radishes under different conditions. We also posed the question: *How does a cactus grow in the environment it's in?* - prompting some brilliant thinking and discussion. In addition to all this wonderful science work, we began reading our new book "Queen Victoria's bathing machine" and visualised what a seaside in the Victorian times looked like, learnt all about what a bathing machine was and even became Queen Victoria and used some adventurous vocabulary to explain how overjoyed she was with the new invention. In Maths we began measuring in cm and m and had fun measuring the playground! Can you measure objects around your home and record your findings?



Year 3

It was fabulous to welcome to children back for the Summer term this week; they certainly jumped in with lots of enthusiasm! A new term means new learning! We started the week by applying our knowledge of denominators and numerators to adding and subtracting fractions as well as finding fractions of objects. In English we started looking at our new text "Little Wolf's Book of Badness". Why don't you ask us about it? We started the week by creating a Wanted Poster for Uncle Bigbad, used effective vocabulary to make our way through the map, give warnings of dangerous places and describe some of the various settings. This book is very entertaining! We are focusing on science learning over the next few weeks – this week has seen us learn about skeletons, muscles, their importance and how they work. Why don't you ask us about our skeletons and how muscles work? We also continued to look at spreadsheets in computing and even started to learn the ukulele with Mrs Davis. Phew, what a fun week back it has been!



Year 4

Welcome back to the Summer Term in year 4. We have had a wonderful start to the term with both classes starting and enjoying their Forest School sessions (4LB on Mondays, 4BC on Fridays). Don't forget to bring in Forest clothes – long sleeved tops and a waterproof coat and long joggers with wellies or old trainers. We have started our new Science topic on Sound and hearing and our English focus is on writing biographies. We have started with a biography about Evelyn Glennie who is proving to be a very inspiring musician to research. In Maths we are continuing with fractions moving on to mixed numbers and improper fractions. In PE we enjoyed our first tennis session, and are enjoying our athletics skills practise with Ms Jackson. Please remember to send in a pencil case with a black handwriting pen, pencil, ruler and purple pen! Don't forget to keep practising your times tables ready for our multiplication test in June! Both classes have their Class assemblies over the next couple of weeks so please help with learning lines and song words ready for our productions!



Year 5



Welcome back to the new term, which we hope will be full of sunshine and plenty of outdoor activities! One sure sign that we are in the summer now, is the shifting focus of our PE sessions; this week the children have been introduced to badminton by Ms Jackson and have also taken to the field for some athletics. In Maths this week, the children have started a short topic on statistics, looking at the various ways to present data (such as line graphs and tables) before working out how to extract useful information from them. Our English work has seen us transported back to 6th Century Denmark with the classic heroic epic 'Beowulf'; the children particularly enjoyed reading the vivid descriptions of Grendel's attack on Heorot! Over the next three weeks, we will be using this text as the basis for biography writing, first about King Hrothgar, and later about Beowulf himself. In DT, we have recapped our understanding of healthy eating, and used that knowledge to start designing some curry recipes. We are all very excited about cooking them for real in the DT kitchen next week! We have also been busy learning about different types of reproduction in Science.



Year 6

Year 6 have begun our new English unit based on non-chronological recounts. We have been investigating their key features and will be writing about yellow-spotted lizards next week. We have also started our new class book: The Explorer—a book about four children lost in the Amazon Rainforest. In maths, our focus has been on statistics (line and bar graphs, pie charts, and calculating the mean). We have also been revising key arithmetic skills in the lead-up towards the SATs in a few weeks. In RE this week we took our previously-postponed walk to the church to explore its features, learn all about the church bells, and try to understand the key concept of The Trinity—an RE topic focus. We have been investigating fossils and evolution and inherited characteristics in Science—the last part of our 'Marvellous Me!' Topic before our focus shifts to the new topic of 'The Americas'.

