

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 focused on the story 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We read the story together and then completed a Drawing Club where we drew Bog baby and wrote a sentence. We used our sounds to write this independently. On Monday afternoon, our school nurse visited to recap how to look after our teeth. Why not ask us to teach you something we learnt? On Tuesday we learnt about the Lifecycle of a Butterfly and discussed what is happening with our caterpillars too. We discussed how they transform into a chrysalis at different rates as some of our caterpillars have been in a chrysalis for week and others are still caterpillars! We continued learning sea creatures in French and enjoyed some team games on the field in PE. On Wednesday, we had a great time in music with Mrs Peers and completed our Lighthouses by making the light for the top and adding some rocks around the base. In maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and complex patterns. In Art, we have been making butterfly symmetry paintings. We painted one half of a butterfly and folded it. We pushed it down and peeled it open to reveal our lovely butterflies!

They look great! In the provision this week, we have been making patterns in the maths area using coloured objects, strengthened our fingers in the Fine Motor area using tweezers to reach the little bugs stuck inside elastic bands, had fun in our restaurant role play, practised spelling tricky words, subitised to match the right number of bugs on the leaves, made symmetrical butterflies with loose parts, made a Bog Baby with Play Doh, completed a Phase 3 word hunt in the woods and drew 2D shapes with chalk outside. We also had fun in the water tuff tray and using our imagination in the sandpit.



Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed another engaging week full of learning and new experiences! Over the past two weeks, the children have been working incredibly hard on their maths, focusing on numbers from 20 to 100. On Friday, they proudly showed off all they had learned by completing their assessments—well done to everyone for their fantastic effort and determination. In computing, the children took their creativity to the next level by beginning to design their very own animated stories. They especially enjoyed creating unique characters and bringing their ideas to life. There were also some special experiences for each class this week. Class 1RG loved their first afternoon at forest school, where they made bird feeders and explored yarn crafts. Meanwhile, 1DG had a wonderful music lesson led by Mr Hague, who impressed everyone with his guitar playing. In science, Year 1 continued their learning about trees. The children explored how to identify different types of trees and learned about the various parts of a plant, building their understanding of the natural world. We cannot wait to learn more about nature next week as we continue to explore the natural world!



Year 2

This week, we travelled back in time to explore the Victorian era! We have been learning where the Victorians fit on a timeline and what life was like for people during Victorian times, both rich and poor. We also found out about Queen Victoria, answering questions about who she was and why she was important. In English, we continued reading our book Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine by Gloria Whelan. We have been practising using commas in a list, asking questions and using conjunctions in preparation for writing a speech next week in the role of Queen Victoria. Meanwhile, in Maths, we have been tackling problems involving mass. We've been reading scales in grams and kilograms, comparing weights, and using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve questions linked to mass. In Guided Reading this week, we read Chapter 2 of Hodgeheg and answered questions based on the text. As well as this, we have been using laptops to improve our coding skills, learning what an algorithm is and creating our own algorithms to make different objects move.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3 We have had a lot of fun here in science here in Year 3 as it has been... Magnet week! We have been thinking about all things forces this week. We began the week by exploring what forces are and discovered that all forces are made up of pushes and pulls which can make objects move, stop or change shape. We then moved on to explore how magnets attract and repel one another and conducted an experiment to test whether all magnets were the same strength. On Wednesday, we were able to conduct a second experiment to investigate whether all materials were magnetic or not using our knowledge of forces and magnets. Finally, to showcase our learning at the end of the week, we used magnetic materials to move Little Wolf around the map from our English text 'Little Wolf's Book of Badness'. In amongst all of this science fun, we have also completed our second unit of fractions by finding non-unit fractions of amounts and using our mastery skills to reason using fractions. In English, we completed our first draft of an informal letter to see what features we need to practice before our big write next week. We have focused on contracted words, using the same adjective twice in a sentence and recapping co-ordinating conjunctions. Phew, we hope you get a good rest this weekend ready for our trip next week!



Year 4

We have had a lovely sunny week in Year 4. We are so glad all of the clubs have started this week (it's not too late to sign up for some) and we are definitely enjoying spending our lunchtimes on the field. 4LB have had a very busy week practising for their Class assembly this morning which went amazingly- thank you so much for being such an appreciative audience and a huge Well done to 4LB! 4BC have been busy learning their songs and words ready for their Class assembly next Friday and we can't wait to see you there! In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract with fractions and we are very much looking forward to the end of this maths unit next week. Ready to take on Decimals! In English, we have written fabulous biographies about Evelyn Glennie and are continuing to be inspired by her amazing achievements. 4LB had a brilliant Forest School session on Monday and 4BC will be catching up with their sessions when Miss Collins returns to school. In PE we had our second Tennis session which went really well and we are enjoying some athletics practise with Ms Jackson. Please try to turn your heatmap on TTRS green by June!



Year 5



Year 5 were very excited to start learning about 'Raiders and Invaders' this week. We kicked off with a challenge: how could the children use their historical enquiry skills to ask questions that would answer the *who, what, why, where, when* and *how* of the Anglo-Saxon arrival in Britain. They then started to gather the information needed, including positioning the Anglo-Saxons on a timeline of the historic periods and events that they have studied in the past. As well as working out why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain, this learning involved a considerable amount of mapwork and route planning, in order to discover exactly where they came from, and how they got here. It was a surprise to everyone to discover that the Anglo-Saxons were only able to invade and settle here because the Romans had recently abandoned Britain! In Maths, we have begun a unit on Shape, and started looking at angles –classifying and estimating the degrees in different angles. Elsewhere, we have also started our final Music topic: 'Dancing in the Street' by Martha and the Vandellas. The children listened to the song and appraised it. Next week, we be learning how to sing it ourselves!



Year 6

The children have produced excellent non-chronological recounts based on Yellow-Spotted Lizards. They have also been developing their writing skills in this genre and researching their own animal from the Amazon Rainforest ready to write an even more detailed report! We are enjoying our new class book: The Explorer—a book about four children lost in the Amazon Rainforest. In maths, our focus has been angles and properties of shapes. We continue to revise key arithmetic skills in the lead-up towards the SATs in a couple weeks. The children had Mrs Peers for their music sessions this week—great to have a specialist take the session! We have been investigating animal groups and classification in Science, the first of our sessions in our summer term topic of 'The Americas'. We continue to explore the concept of evolution and animal adaption over time.

