

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 the life cycle of frogs. We started the week by reading Tadpole's Promise and were really surprised by what happened at the end of the story. Why not ask us? We then completed a Drawing Club where we drew a butterfly and wrote a sentence about it. In maths, we have been learning about repeated patterns and began learning about numbers above 10. We learnt about numbers 11-13 and discussed how numbers above 10 contain 1 lot of 10, and some left over. For example, 12 is made up of 1 ten and 2 ones. We used an egg box with 10 holes to represent this and played a Tens and Ones game on the Interactive Whiteboard. In Topic, we learnt about the lifecycle of a frog and completed a cut and stick activity to show the order in which frogs grow, from frogspawn to tadpoles to froglets and finally a frog. In French, we have continued to learn about under water animals; why not ask us to name a few animals in French? In our provision this week we have had frog painting in our Art Area, sorting 2D and 3D shapes and identifying 3D shapes in our Maths Area, matching the picture to the sentence and wrote tricky words in our Phonics Area, using tweezers to pull off the right coloured pom poms in our Fine Motor area, making Minibooks about frogs in the Writing Area, using Play-Doh to add petals to flowers in our Malleable Area, looking for phase 3 words in the Woodland Area, practising our climbing and balancing on the climbing frame, making sand cakes in the sandpit and finally, we had the most fun in our Hairdresser Roleplay area where we practised our hairdressing skills on the dolls heads. RRE have also been busy practising for their Class Assembly next week which is exciting and our butterflies are finally emerging from their chrysalis! We were lucky enough to witness one emerge into a butterfly right in front of our eyes!



## Year 1

It has been a lovely, sunny week in Year 1, and the children have made the most of the beautiful weather while continuing their learning with great enthusiasm! In our topic, Nurturing Nature, the children have been exploring plants and their different parts. They showed fantastic creativity by making their own plants in a variety of ways—using playdough, creating collages with real plant materials, and painting their designs. They then carefully labelled each part, demonstrating their growing knowledge. We also learned about flowers, including the difference between wild flowers and garden flowers. Class 1DG even had the exciting opportunity to take their learning outdoors during forest school, where they applied their knowledge in a real-life setting. In maths, we focused on length and height. The children were introduced to using rulers to measure, and all the adults were incredibly impressed by how quickly they picked up this new skill! In computing, the children continued developing their animated stories by adding backgrounds to the characters they created last week, bringing their stories to life even more. It has been a wonderful week full of learning, creativity, and sunshine!



## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we brought together everything we have learned so far in our English unit, including contractions, commas in a list, a range of conjunctions and powerful emotive vocabulary to write our final speeches. Taking on the role of Queen Victoria, we proudly wrote speeches celebrating the incredible invention of the steam train. In maths, we became capacity experts! We explored the difference between capacity and volume through hands on activities, measuring a variety of bottles using measuring jugs. We worked with millilitres (ml) and litres (L), and challenged ourselves with tricky word problems involving all four operations. We also learned how to measure temperature, reading thermometers and answering different questions about them. Our history lesson took us on a journey back to the Victorian era this week, where we discovered what life was like for children. We had thoughtful discussions and showed great empathy as we imagined living in a workhouse. Using this understanding, we wrote diary entries describing what a day in Victorian times might have been like. In computing, we continued developing our coding skills by creating algorithms to make objects move in different directions. It was fantastic to see our ideas come to life on screen! different objects move.





# Pirbright's Learning Week

**Year 3** Year 3 have had a fabulous week this week! Our trip to Gilbert White's House on Thursday was so much fun and a great way to kick start our engaging environments topic! Whilst we were there, we focused on biodiversity and were able to learn about animal adaptations, roots, shoots and leaves as well as create some natural art and use our orienteering skills to guide ourselves around. It was such a brilliant day and the children represented Pirbright school so beautifully and showed all of their values. Despite being out for the day on Thursday, this week we have still managed to squeeze in lots of learning. We finished our writing unit this week by writing informal letters home from Cuning College telling them all about the 'rules of badness' we had learnt so far. We remember to use contracted words, double adjectives and co-ordinating conjunctions amongst all the other things on the Year 3 writing checklist. Monday saw us begin our new Number Sense booklet where we are learning 6 new facts about the 5 times tables whilst still consolidating our 2s and squares. We also started looking at money during our maths sessions this week. We recapped pounds and pence and started solving problems which included adding money. We jumped headfirst into our environment topic this week. We recapped our Geography knowledge of the equator from Year 2 and began looking at the types of animals which may live in each hemisphere and how or why they may be endangered. Phew, we're glad it is a 3 day weekend to finally get some rest!



## Year 4

Another very busy week in Year 4. A huge **congratulations** to 4BC for their fabulous Greek assembly – thank you so much for being such a lovely audience. Well, this week saw the end of our Sound and Hearing topic and the end of fractions! We did so well on the fractions end of block test and are all feeling very ready to start Decimals next Tuesday! Our third tennis session went brilliantly and we are so enjoying improving our tennis skills each week. We are so excited to finally be starting our Roman Topic on Should we thank the Romans for invading Britain? And we are especially looking forward to our trip to Fishborne Roman Palace on 3rd June – if any parents would like to join us, please contact our Class Teachers. Don't forget there is no school on Monday so we will see you all on Tuesday! We completed our pictures for our School tea towels this week so look out for them going on sale later in the Summer! Enjoy the long weekend!



## Year 5



Last week, Year 5 spent some time preparing a delicious vegetable curry using seasonal ingredients (and making sure that it provided balanced quantities of each food group). Hopefully, the finished dish made it home safely and you got to try some too! This week, to round off the task, the children have been evaluating the project. They have been considering what new skills they have learnt, what challenges they faced and overcame, what they liked about the final product and whether they would do anything differently next time. In English, we have been planning and writing biographies of Beowulf, making sure to include all of the key features of the genre. After spending much of last week classifying and estimating angles, this week we have got the protractors out in Maths and have had a go at measuring angles accurately; it's not as easy as it looks! In Music, after having a go at singing 'Dancing in the Street' last week, we have progressed to identifying the musical features including the instrumentation. The highlight of our week came on Thursday morning when we all walked down to the village church in Pirbright. We were greeted by Rev Day, who shared his knowledge of the church with the children, and even added some extra details to our current RE topic about Pentecost and how Christianity began.



## Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have completed our final Maths unit of our primary school careers - using coordinates and translating and reflecting on grids. From this point, our Maths lessons will be revision of skills previously taught and applying them through a range of mini projects. In English we have been writing up our non-chronological reports about South American animals ensuring we have used a wide range of features from the Year 6 Wishlist. We are looking forward to presenting them beautifully after some editing next week. In our topic lessons we recapped on lots of our previous knowledge of continents and oceans and labelled a range of features on world maps. We have also covered our RSE units this week, which focus on how babies are made and how babies are born. Your child may have some further questions after this so feel free to have a chat about what we covered!

