


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 bees and read 'Omar, the bees and me' and learnt some exciting facts about bees. RJL spent lots of time rehearsing for their class assembly but were still able to squeeze in some bee learning too! The book was lovely and we discussed the importance of looking after the environment and how we can plant wild flowers to encourage bees in our gardens. In maths we have continued patterns beyond 10 by reminding ourselves that numbers 11-19 are made up of 1 ten and some ones. 15 is 1 ten and 5 ones. We drew this on the board to help us visualise it. We also counted verbally beyond 10 and looked at verbal counting patterns (e.g. the teen numbers). In music this week we used the glockenspiels and RJL also practised their songs for their class assembly. In French we have started learning about The Circus! Why not ask us what we learnt? In phonics this week we have tried hard with reading and writing longer words and are seeing a big improvement with being able to do this independently. On Friday, we watched RJL's class assembly which was wonderful! We ended the week with a little year group treat after both our class assemblies (which were a lot of hard work and practise!) by visiting the castle climbing frame and decorating biscuits! In our provision this week we have build CVCC words with bottle lids, practised our number formation to 20, cut out minibeasts to stick on lolly sticks to make puppets, had lots of fun in the woods minibeast hunting, practised our gross motor skills on the climbing frame, making things in the sandpit and washing all the cars in our outdoor carwash! We also made minibeasts out of Play Doh and made toilet rolls bees in the Creative Area!


Year 1

Year 1 have had another fantastic week full of exciting discoveries, hands-on learning and new challenges! In Science, the classroom has been buzzing with excitement as we cared for our cress seeds and watched them begin to grow. The children loved observing the changes each day and became real scientists by recording their observations with detailed drawings and thoughtful sentences. Our English lessons have been packed with learning too! We continued exploring non-fiction books and discovered how glossaries help us find the meaning of new words. The children also became "word experts" by learning about singular and plural nouns and practising how to change nouns from one to many. In Maths, we started our brand-new fractions topic. The children enjoyed finding and recognising halves of shapes, objects and quantities through practical activities and games. In DT, we began learning all about healthy diets and nutritious foods in preparation for next week's exciting food technology lessons. The children are already looking forward to creating their very own delicious fruit salads! Finally, on Friday, we sadly said goodbye to Mr Hague as he completed his final teacher training placement with us. Year 1 would like to thank him for all of his hard work, kindness and enthusiasm, and we wish him every success and happiness for the future!

Year 2



It has been another jam-packed week in Year 2, full of fun and creative learning. In English, we have been learning about non-chronological reports linked to our Victorian topic. We explored the features of our WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like) non-chronological report before using a plan to complete our first write all about Queen Victoria and Victorian workhouses. We focused on using headings and factual language and also revised using conjunctions, suffixes including -ment, -less and -ful and sentence starters to make our writing more interesting. During Maths lessons, we continued with our unit on fractions and learnt to recognise and find one third. We also learnt about unit fractions, developing our understanding of counting fractions up to a whole. This week, we also started a new Art unit based around the artist William Morris and explored his life and work. We researched his life and discussed his famous patterns and designs, taking inspiration from his artwork. In Music, we learnt a new song called "The Friendship Song" and had great fun playing the glockenspiels and keyboards using the notes G and E to accompany the chorus of the song. We also carried on with our PE games unit, focusing on throwing, catching and hitting skills. We thought carefully about what we needed to do to complete all of these accurately, including looking at our partner and throwing underarm. As well as this, we enjoyed athletics with Ms Jackson and had fun running on the track.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3 It's been another week of fun here in Year 3! After finishing our unit of money last week, we started learning all about time! We started the week by looking at Roman Numerals to 12 and matching them to the numerals we use today. We then started to look at them on clocks and revisited our learning of o'clock and half past using Roman Numerals. We then continued to look at being able to tell the time accurately to five minutes past and to the hour as well as telling the time to the minute. We also began to look at a digital clock. Even though analogue clocks are becoming used less and less, it is still a good skill to have so please help us keep practising to tell the time at home! In English this week, we have continued to look at our picture book 'Window' and everything we need to write a wonderful setting description of the view. We have focused on prepositions, revisited 2 adjective sentences as well as how we can show weather and time. Our topic learning has kept us closer to home this week with a focus first on the UK and then on the local area. We have discussed the difference between urban and rural landscapes in the UK, what animals may live in each and how wildlife has adapted to the changing environment. We then used our knowledge of compasses to help us with understanding map work, particularly OS symbols within the local area of Pirbright. Amongst all of this, we also managed to squeeze in our next ukulele session, some sprinting and hurdles practise in athletics and even some French!



Year 4

We have enjoyed another busy week in Year 4- quite glad to have completed our maths unit on Decimals although we are now experts at comparing, ordering and adding them! In English, we are busy researching more information about the Roman Army and practising the skills we need to write a non-chronological report. Both classes have been enjoying their Forest School sessions-practising new skills, crafts, fire-lighting and a lot of digging! In RE, we are learning about how Humanists celebrate new life and how this may be similar or different to other ceremonies. Art this term is looking at 3D paper sculpture and we started by learning all about an artist called Darrell Wakelam -please ask us which piece of his art we liked the best. Don't forget it's the Pirbright's Got Talent auditions on Monday - keep rehearsing! If you are able to help us on our trip to Fishborne Roman Palace - please let your class teacher know.



Year 5



Having completed our Maths topic on 'Shape', Year 5 have turned their attention to 'Position & Direction'. This week, the focus has been on reading and plotting coordinates, as well as using them to solve problems. The children have been really enjoying our learning about Anglo-Saxons too. At the start of the week, we researched their beliefs, in particular how they changed from paganism to Christianity over time. Later, we found out how Anglo-Saxon kingdoms were ruled, and the role of a chieftain in their villages. We even had a go at creating a 3-D model of a typical Anglo-Saxon village, thinking carefully about defensibility, access to water, animal enclosures, where to plant crops and making sure that all of the buildings faced towards the Sun for maximum light! In English, we have continued to develop our skills as newspaper reporters, focusing in particular on the all-important, attention-grabbing opening paragraph. The children really enjoyed recounting the scene of Grendel's attack on Heorot, using some excellent descriptive (if rather gruesome!) language. In French, we continued learning the names of items of clothing and then constructed sentences about the things we would wear for different weathers or situations.



Year 6

It has been a busy week for Y6 as we finally sat our official SATs papers after months of hard-work. Everyone came in calm, confident and ready to tackle the paper each day and we are so proud of their maturity throughout the week. We know that they have all done their best and we look forward to seeing the results later in the term. As we have been so focused each morning sitting tests, we tried hard to ensure that our afternoons were fun and creative. We really enjoyed some art work, cooking pizzas and designing our own Italian restaurant menus - with some rounders thrown in for fun of course! A HUGE thank you to Mrs Allen and Miss Philbrick for leading on the cooking afternoons with the children and making them relaxing and laughter filled! At the end of the week, we made the most of 'no test Friday' with a morning of PE. Have a restful weekend everyone and one last time - WELL DONE!

