


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 been learning about Kenya! We started reading the book *Handa's Surprise* and discussed the pictures and how the setting of Kenya is different to the UK. We read the story and then did some fruit tasting! We tasted all the different fruits from the story and discussed in a group which ones were sweet or sour and which ones we liked and disliked. We talked about whether there were any fruits we had never tried before and if we'd like to try them again. Why not ask us which ones we enjoyed? As part of our Understanding of the World, we compared pictures of Kenya to the UK and discussed how each country is both similar and different. In maths we have been learning about grouping and sharing and whether odd and even numbers can be shared out equally. In PE, we practised for Sports Day and had lots of fun on the field running, jumping, throwing and catching. On Thursday, we had a very exciting visit from Zoo Lab! We met some African snails, a snake, a frog, a millipede and many more! We even got to gently touch some of the animals. In the afternoon, we then wrote about our Zoo Lab experience and used our sentence writing skills to write about what we enjoyed most from the visit. In the provision this week, we had enjoyed buying fruit and veg in our Fruit and Veg shop with trolleys and baskets, we've played with dolls in the role play area, worked out maths sums and matched the answer to the sum, tied elastic bands onto lolly sticks to strengthen our fine motor skills, made butterflies out of toilets rolls and carefully made their wings, matched the word to the picture in the phonics area, washed animals with soap and water and practised weaving with ribbons.

Year 1

What a monumental week it has been for Year 1! This week marked the completion of our Phonics Screening Check, something we have all been working incredibly hard towards throughout the year. It was wonderful to see all that hard work pay off, and every single child impressed their teachers with their perseverance, determination and positive attitude. No matter the outcome, we are so proud of the fantastic progress the children have made since the beginning of Year 1 – it really is nothing short of astounding! Alongside this huge achievement, we have still managed to fit in lots of exciting learning. In Maths, we have been practising counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s, developing our confidence with multiplication and division. In English, we started reading our new story, *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the classroom and finding objects of different colours that they could camouflage into if they were a chameleon themselves! Despite the unpredictable weather this week, we were delighted to have our first tennis lesson on the tennis courts on Wednesday. We had great fun practising our tennis skills, including hitting the ball over the net, and some children showed real talent and determination as they improved throughout the session. It has certainly been a very busy week, and we have definitely earned a well-deserved weekend! That said, we are already looking forward to an even more exciting week next week!



Year 2

This week, we have continued thinking about our setting description writing based on the video clip *Something Fishy*. We have practised several skills, including adding the suffixes *-ful*, *-ment* and *-less* to words, using adventurous adjectives in our sentences, and including verbs and adverbs to add more detail to our writing. In Maths, we have continued learning to tell the time. This is a tricky concept to learn, so please quiz us at home. We have now learnt o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to, and five-minute intervals, for example, 5 past 10 or 20 to 4. In PE, we have been busy preparing for Sports Day. We have enjoyed developing our running skills and taking part in a range of activities to practise overarm and underarm throwing using different pieces of equipment. These activities have helped us to build our confidence, coordination and teamwork. In Topic, we have been learning about Mary Seacole, exploring who she was and why she is remembered as an important historical figure. We have discussed her role in caring for soldiers during the Crimean War and the impact she had on nursing. Our topic learning then took us back to the Victorian seaside, where we explored how Victorian inventions and developments made seaside holidays possible and popular. We used atlases to locate seaside towns and made tally charts to show which ones we would most like to visit.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3 Despite the rain, we have still managed to have a fun filled week here in Year 3! On Tuesday, we started our new unit in maths all about shape. We began by recapping our KS1 learning of quarter, half and whole turns as well as directions of clockwise and anti-clockwise. We then began to relate these to angles. On Wednesday, we looked specifically at right angles—why don't you ask us what kind of turn a right angle is? We then went on to become right angle finders, searching the classroom and even outside for shapes and objects with right angles. What can you find at home that has right angles? In English this week, we have continued looking at the book 'The Promise' and developed our skills ready for writing the story ending next week. We started the week by sharpening our reading skills and answering comprehension questions, followed by looking at subordinate clauses, -ing, -ed sentences and recapping speech punctuation. Things got really exciting in Science this week, when we revisited the parts and functions of the plant, focusing on the transportation of water. We got very soggy but had a lot of fun using scrap materials and resources to become the plant to absorb the water... ask us all about it! On Thursday, we started our new art unit by completing an artist study on 3D artist and sculptor Leonardo Pereznieto. Wow... what a week!



Year 4 Welcome back to our last half-term in Year 4! What an amazing start to the term we've had, with our wonderful trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace this week despite the rather rainy weather. We had an amazing time and really enjoyed looking at all of the mosaics and (skeletons!), and trying out lots of fun Roman crafts and activities, especially learning how to grind wheat to make flour. A huge THANK YOU to our lovely parent helpers for coming on our trip. In maths we have started our unit on Time- starting with units of time and moving on to the 24-hour clock. In English we started reading *You wouldn't want to be a Roman Gladiator* which is going to be our inspiration for a story about being captured by the Roman army. Next week, we will be completing our MTC test and all the children will be participating! We are looking forward to the children being able to show all their amazing times tables knowledge – please keep practising over the weekend.



Year 5

Considering that we are in the middle of the final half term of the school year, there have been remarkably few distractions this week and Year 5 have been able to really focus on moving forward with several learning activities. That certainly won't be the case next week with Sports Day, Pirbright Has Talent and the new class move up sessions! So, making the most of our learning time, we have been continuing our work on decimals in Maths, with some subtracting, adding, sequences and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have continued to use Alfred Noyes' narrative poem, 'The Highwayman' as the stimulus for our writing activities. This week, that has involved looking at the idea of structuring balanced arguments. Also, the Viking figureheads that we began learning about last week are really beginning to take shape; this week, we used last week's sketched designs to create prototypes in order to refine our plans and to practise the techniques for sculpting, moulding and joining. Finally, after being stymied by the inclement weather for most of the week, we finally got outside to enjoy some cricket on Friday.



Year 6

OUT OF OFFICE THIS WEEK!

