



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 has been a super exciting one down in Reception! We started the week with phonics where we have been learning about much longer CCVCC and CCCVC words. We practised our spelling and letter formation when writing words and sentences on a whiteboard and are becoming much more independent. In French, we continued learning about Under the Sea animals and in PE, we had a great time doing team games in the hall. On Tuesday, we had the best day at Wellington Country Park. We did pond dipping, visited lots of animals in the farm and even got to stroke them, had a ride on the train, saw a land of dinosaurs and had lots of fun in the Play Area! We also enjoyed the coach trip and were so lucky for the weather! Why not ask us what our favourite part of the trip was and why? On Wednesday we had music with Mrs Peers where we enjoyed using instruments in the music suite and were great at waiting our turn. In maths this week we have practised addition and take away with numbers to 10 as well as working out how many we added. In our provision this week, we have had lots of fun in the phonics area where we read Phase 4 words and matched them to the correct picture on the petal, used water colour paints to paint flowers, used elastic bands to build our fine motor strength, explored the composition to 10 using dominoes, made bees with card and paper, used bubbles, water and scrubbing brushes to clean shells and stones outside and had fun doing a Phase 4 word hunt in the woods...whilst also hunting for bugs! We are so proud of how hard we have worked this half term.

## Year 1



Year 1 have had yet another busy and exciting week packed full of learning across the curriculum! Our week revolved around DT and food technology, where we explored healthy eating by creating our very own fruit salads. We began the week by tasting a variety of fruits and discussing their appearance, taste and texture. The children showed great curiosity and confidence when trying new foods! On Tuesday, we designed our own fruit salads and practised our chopping skills carefully and safely. Then, over Thursday and Friday, both classes enjoyed making their creations by washing, peeling and chopping their fruit. Of course, the highlight was tasting the finished product! Afterwards, the children evaluated their fruit salads by discussing what they liked and what they might change next time. This week also marked the end of Year 1 Forest School. Over the past two weeks, both classes have thoroughly enjoyed toasting marshmallows and making delicious s'mores around the campfire. In English, the children impressed us by writing their very first non-chronological reports. They used all of their knowledge about the four seasons to create informative reports full of fantastic facts. In maths, we explored fractions, focusing on one quarter. The children worked incredibly hard to understand this tricky new concept, and the teachers were very proud of their perseverance and effort. It's safe to say Year 1 have worked their socks off this half term and have certainly earned a well-deserved week off!

## 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** What a great week it has been to end the first half of the Summer Term. Well done to all the children who auditioned for Pirbright Has Talent on Monday—it sounds like Mrs Dow had a very difficult job! We have been continuing to look at time in our maths sessions this week. We have focused on am and pm as well as applying our knowledge to solve problems around years, months and days before moving on to look at hours. Don't forget to keep asking us to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks! In English, we put to the test all we have learnt about setting descriptions this week to write one based on a later image from the book 'Window'. We looked at how the landscape and environment had changed over time throughout the story and how our setting descriptions from last week are different. We started the week by looking at human and physical features of different landscapes across the world including the UK, Europe and South America. We then used Google Maps to see if we could spot anything that may be harming the earth such as 'ocean garbage patches' and 'plastic islands'. Following that, we dipped our toes into some science this week with a particular focus on plants. We started by looking at the 4 main parts of a plant and the important functions they have before moving on to looking at the life cycle of a plant as well as the different ways seeds are dispersed. We hope you have a restful half term break ready for the fun that Summer 2 brings!



## Year 4

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 4. We all loved making our 3D paper sculptures- learning lots of new skills and techniques that we will be able to use in our final piece after half-term. In English, we completed our Non-chronological reports about the Roman army and believe we are real experts on this topic, please ask us to share what we have learnt. Maths this week, has been all about money and using decimal notation and after the holiday we will move onto time! We loved our final tennis session week and know that we have really improved our tennis skills this term. 4LB enjoyed their final Forest School session – den- building, crafts, the hammock, mud kitchen but especially the making and eating their s'mores around the campfire. A huge well done to all those who auditioned for Pirbright has talent and **congratulations** to those who got through to the final concert. Don't forget to keep practising those times tables, as all the children will be participating in the MTC test in June! Have a wonderfully, sunny half-term and remember we have our trip on the Wednesday that we come back to school.



## Year 5



This week, in Maths, Year 5 have completed their current maths topic, '*Position and Direction*', showing an excellent understanding of co-ordinates, translation and symmetry. In English, we have had to say a sad goodbye to Beowulf; the children have been enthralled by his epic adventures over the last few weeks, but have now completed their final piece of writing linked to the text. Their final newspaper reports about Beowulf's underwater battle with Grendel's mother were brilliant, showing just how much the children have understood about writing in this tricky and unusual genre. As our main topic starts to migrate from Anglo-Saxons towards Vikings, our work in Art will focus on creating clay sculptures of the figureheads that adorned Viking longships. This week, we have been researching these figureheads and completing some preparatory sketches. Elsewhere, in Computing, the children have had a go at using Excel to create league tables, using the formulae to automatically calculate matches played, points scored and goal difference. Some even managed to sort their tables by different criteria – very impressive! The undoubted highlight of the week, however, was 5GJ's dazzling class assembly on Friday morning: what a fabulous way to round off another busy half term at Pirbright!



**Year 6** We have a busy week in Year 6! We've been completing our fabulous Amazon animal posters, full of interesting and unusual facts. We've also looked into the topic of zoos and put together balanced arguments about the animals being kept in zoos. This has built on the work we did earlier in the year on this genre of writing. In maths we are working through a 'Theme Park Maths' project with the children designing, costing and running their own imaginary theme park. Our topic work this week has been based around comparing life in Brazil to that of the UK. We've also set a project home-learning task all about rivers which the children will work on over the next few weeks.

