


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 an exciting first week back as we kicked off our final half term together! On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Wildlife Centre. Despite a short thunderstorm, we managed to stay relatively dry and had a wonderful day seeing lots of amazing animals. In the morning, we watched rats crawl through tunnels above our heads, met a Tawny Owl called Yoda and discovered that hedgehogs enjoy eating dog food! Mrs Gifford's group searched for a badger in the dark, watched a speedy polecat racing around and spotted red squirrels jumping through the trees. Meanwhile, Miss Grant's group fed the playful otters, who made us laugh as they chased after their food. They also met the deer, held some impressively heavy antlers and visited more owls, including a huge eagle owl and a snowy owl that reminded us of Harry Potter! We all enjoyed lunch together in the sunshine and had some time to play on the grass before returning to school. The fun continued on Wednesday with our first tennis lesson of the term. Although it took place in the hall, we still had a fantastic time learning new skills. To finish the week, we spent two days writing about our trip as part of our third recount of the year. Our teachers were incredibly impressed by how much our writing has improved, even since our last recount just a few weeks ago. Well done Year 1 for all your hard work this week!



Year 2

We have hit the ground running in Year 2 after the half term. At the start of the week, we got to experience being at school in the Victorian era as we celebrated Victorian Day. We got to experience a Victorian classroom, Victorian games out on the playground and being taught by a Victorian school mistress. We all thoroughly enjoyed it. In English, we have started our new writing unit based on a short film called Something Fishy. It is about a character getting transported to a fantasy world inside a washing machine at the launderette. We got to order the parts of the film and summarise each one using exciting vocabulary. We also used our senses to write noun phrases describing different parts of the clip. We finished off the week by reading our setting description WAGOLL and highlighting all the key features of a setting description. In Maths, we started telling the time using mini analogue clocks. We focused on telling the time at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We also looked at telling the time past the hour to five minute intervals. Please quiz us at home! In Topic, we learnt about Florence Nightingale and her important work. We thought about how she helped soldiers in the war and what might have been her proudest moment. In Computing, we moved on to a new unit about presenting our ideas using presentation software and enjoyed creating a quiz and a fact file. It certainly has been a busy week in Year 2!





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3 What a fabulous week back we have had! Can you believe we are in the final half term of Year 3? The year has whizzed by! We spent the week finishing our current maths unit all about time. We applied our knowledge of telling the time to be able to work out durations, as well as start and finish times. We used stopwatches and had lots of fun predicting and timing how long it took us to complete activities in minutes and seconds—we were very shocked! In English, we started a new text called 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. We started the week by piecing the front cover back together and making informed inferences and predictions. We then used descriptions from the text to create illustrations and discussed different possible story endings before ending the week with some comprehension practice. This week we have started a new DT project—using CAD (Computer Aided Design) to design and create eco-friendly packaging for items. We look at the pros and cons of plastic packaging and discuss how we can make these environmentally friendly. We have also continued learning about plants with a focus on roots and leaves this week, the different types of them and how they work. Friday afternoon saw us complete our first rounders session for PE where we focused on bowling and hitting.



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

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year! Monday saw 5SF undertaking their first forest school session of the year, and as you might imagine, there were mud pies, bug hotels, dens and mucky, smiling faces everywhere! It will be 5GJ's turn to join in the fun next week. Our current topic, '*Raiders and Invaders*' is a mixture of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, and this week our focus shifted to the Vikings: finding out information about who they were, where they came from and why they came to Britain, writing a short paragraph to explain. In English, we have moved forward in history from the 6th century Denmark to 18th century England by focusing on Alfred Noyes' narrative poem, '*The Highwayman*'. To begin with, we have been using clues from the text to create annotated images of the main protagonist. In Maths, we have started a short topic on decimals, and have been revising the place value of tenths, hundredths and thousandths.



Year 6 We have enjoyed preparing the Maths Circus this week: designing games and challenges for the children of all ages from 4-11; collaborating in groups to make each game a success, resourcing, and designing the posters. On Thursday, we adapted the circus to indoors - to avoid the constant showers - and this turned out to be a huge success! Each year group visited and we were able to add some extra funds to the pot for the Year 6 residential thanks to all the support we had from the school! In addition to our fund-raising enterprise, we also have been working on instruction writing in English - one of the last pieces of assessed writing we will complete towards our Yr6 writing targets this year. Our focus has been linked to *The Explorer* book and we have been instructing others how to build an effective shelter in the Amazon Rainforest. Our geography has been all about water and rivers, ready for the trip next week where we will knee-deep in the river, carrying out a variety of investigative tasks. In PE today, we were practising for the upcoming Sports Day and selecting our novelty events. We're looking forward to the residential next week!

