

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 Reception have had a fun week this week! We learnt all about farm animals and began our week with a trip to the school farm which was loved! We saw rabbits, chickens, goats, ducks, guinea pigs, tortoises, bearded dragons and a chameleon! We learnt some facts about the animals, like which ones were reptiles and mammals and learnt a bit about their diets and where they live. Why not ask us to teach you something we remember about one of the animals? Such as which animals are cold blooded? Or what do tortoises like to eat? We then learnt about farm animals and their young. We learnt what adult animals are called and what their babies are called. We were really surprised by some of them. Why not ask us to teach you what a baby goose is called and a baby goat? A baby goat was something none of us knew so was a great bit of learning!



We also played a farm animal BINGO where we were given the name of a baby animal and we had to cross of the name of the adult animal on our BINGO board; we found this a lot of fun! In maths we have learnt about mapping. We have used the terminology we learnt last week, such as next to, in front of, behind and between, to make our own maps. We have been busy rehearsing for our Summer Concert performance of 'Achey Breaky Heart' and we cannot wait for you to come and watch us next week! Please help us prepare by singing along with our new and improved lyrics which we sent home on Wednesday! In the provision this week we have enjoyed our sensory and fine motor tuff tray and using mini spoons to feed the animal lentils, washed toy animals in the water tray, made sheep paintings in the Creative Area, subitised to 20 with a carpark activity and made pigs with Play Doh!

Year 1 Despite it being a four-day week, Year 1 have been incredibly busy! We loved welcoming the children back on Tuesday after the long weekend and hearing all about their exciting adventures. It certainly sounded like Legoland was the place to be! In English, we jumped straight back into learning by practising asking and answering questions, with a particular focus on using question marks correctly. In Maths, we began our new topic on time, learning the days of the week, the months of the year, and important facts about seconds, minutes and hours. Art has been another highlight this week as we continued our work inspired by the Swedish ceramic artist Lisa Larson. The children designed their own animal sculptures, practised their modelling techniques using play dough and then brought their fantastic creations to life. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our final tennis lesson of the term. It was wonderful to see just how much the children's skills and confidence have grown since our first session at the beginning of June. We have also been hard at work rehearsing our song (and dance!) for next week's school concert. We must apologise in advance if the incredibly catchy tune ends up being sung at home all weekend! To round off the week, we watched the fantastic Year 6 production. It was a wonderful performance and a lovely way for the children to celebrate the Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. Well done to Year 6 on their wonderful performance, and well done to Year 1 for making it through another very warm week!



Year 2 Year 2 have had another wonderful week of learning together. In Maths, we have begun learning about position and direction. We have been exploring the tricky language of left and right, as well as quarter, half, three-quarter and full turns. We have had fun directing each other around the classroom and the playground using these instructions and following directions to find different objects. In English, we started our poetry unit. We learnt that poems do not always have to rhyme but can still have rhythm and imagery. We listened to some of Michael Rosen's wonderful poems and explored poetic techniques such as alliteration and similes. We are looking forward to using these skills to write our own seaside poems next week. Everyone has now painted their bathing machines and in D and T some of us have begun adding the finishing touches! We have carefully sawed wooden dowel to make the axles before attaching the wheels. We can't wait to see our finished models! We have also enjoyed beginning to learn our song for the summer concert and loved watching the Year 6 production, which was fantastic. Another highlight of the week was spending some time on the new Key Stage 2 playground with the current Year 3 children, who kindly showed us the ropes. We are looking forward to spending more time there over the next two weeks as we prepare for our move into Year 3.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3 We have certainly welcomed the cooler weather this week and we're sure you have too! With Monday being an INSET day, we had a lot of learning to squeeze into 4 days but we certainly managed it and 3SC even managed (finally!) to enjoy their marble treat. Tuesday saw us continue our maths learning all about lines, focusing on parallel lines and perpendicular lines. Why don't you ask us what these key words mean? We also moved on to recap 2D shapes, their properties and practice drawing polygons. Following on from learning about Greta Thunberg last week, this week we went on to learn all about the almighty David Attenborough! We began by reading his 'Little People, Big Dreams' story, asking questions we want to know and finding answers. We also squeezed some grammar in focusing on the articles 'a' and 'an' and when we used each one. We got to sort all of the creatures named after David Attenborough himself into 'a' or 'an'. We have been rehearsing hard for the Summer Concert next week and enjoyed watching the Year 6's end of year show on Friday! Don't forget your bright, yellow clothes for next week and keep practising!



Year 4 Well- it may have been a short week at school but we've certainly packed a lot in! Year 4 have been so busy writing their wonderful Roman Gladiator stories- we can certainly say it's been their best writing all year – they've certainly saved their best till last! In maths, we are busy learning all about 2D shapes and in History we have been finding out exactly why the Romans wanted to invade Britain – please ask us to give at least 5 reasons why! We enjoyed spending a sunny Thursday afternoon on the field playing cricket with a range of matches and skills practising. Next week we will be finishing off our Roman shields and hopefully practising a few Roman Army formations. Our singing is going really well in preparation for the Summer Concert – we can't wait to see everyone singing in their bucket hats! Thank you for encouraging your child to practise.



Year 5

Year 5 have definitely managed to cram a lot into four days this week! In Maths, we completed our work on negative numbers, finishing up with the most impressive set of end-of-block test scores of the year! We have now moved on to converting units of measure which, incredibly, is our penultimate Maths topic! After taking a break in order to complete last week's assessment tests, we have now returned to Alfred Noyes' 'The Highwayman' in English. Our final English topic in Year 5 will involve the children learning all about the structure and features of play scripts; next week, we will have a go at converting some of the key scenes from 'The Highwayman' into play scripts and maybe even acting them out! In History, we have continued to learn about the Viking invasion of the British Isles in the 8th century. Using their attack on the abbey at Lindisfarne as a case study, we discussed the reasons why the Vikings acted as they did and what evidence exists to support those theories. The other main focus of our week has been in preparing for next week's summer concert. We had great fun rehearsing the whole school songs and also our special Year 5 performance. We won't spoil the surprise but we are sure you'll be singing along!



Year 6

With an INSET Day and two days of secondary school induction, there is no escaping the fact that the main focus of our energies has been in preparing and rehearsing for today's performance of Alpha Gama 46. It has been enormously gratifying to see so many of the children stepping up to the challenge, delivering their lines with dramatic flair and singing the songs with gusto. We hope that it has created deep-rooted memories that they will cherish as they move on to the next chapter of their lives in a few short weeks.

