

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

We have learnt about Celebrations this week and read the story Kipper's Birthday. We started the week by reading the book and making a birthday list! We practised our cutting skills by choosing different toys Kipper might like and then used our sounds and best handwriting to write CVC words. We thought carefully about how to form each letter. In Art, we made party hats and learnt how to join using masking tape. We decorated the hats too and enjoys wearing them during Choosing Time. In maths we have been learning about numbers 4 and 5, how to represent 4 and 5 and how to find 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 5. In French, we learnt some more colours and recapped the ones we learnt last week. Ask us to tell you some French colours! In music we have continued rehearsing our songs and actions for the Christmas performance. Both classes were treated to a trumpet performance by two boys from KS2. We loved learning about how to make different notes! In Forest School, we had the best time in the sunshine hunting for bugs, making mud pies, playing on the swing and building dens. We also had an unexpected visit from some snow on Wednesday and we all went outside and ran around in the snowflakes. In our provision this week, we have made birthday invitations, made birthday cake in the mud kitchen and in the Play Doh area, made yellow lemonade in the water area, wrote birthday cards in the writing area, made loop decorations in the fine motor area, sorted numbers to 5 in the maths area, read and matched CVC words in the phonics area and lots more!

What a busy week!



Year 1

With Bethlehem Bake Off rehearsals well underway, it has been a fantastic, festive week in Year 1! Everyone has been working incredibly hard to practise and perfect their songs as well as learning their dances which will bring our performance to life! In English, we have been learning all about adjectives and proper nouns, exploring how they can make our writing more interesting and descriptive. The children even put their new knowledge into practice by using them in their own writing to create some truly super sentences! Our maths learning has continued with more practice on addition, and the children have now begun memorising their number bonds to 10. Our afternoons have been just as exciting. We launched our new mini topic comparing Pirbright and London. The children began by exploring what both places are like in the modern day before delving into how they looked in the past. They worked brilliantly together to identify similarities and differences across time, showing great curiosity and teamwork. This learning has set us up perfectly for next week's focus on the Great Fire of London—we cannot wait to get started!



Year 2



This week has been full of exciting learning and vibrant celebrations in Year 2. In English, we learned how to use commas in a list and began writing questions that will feature in our persuasive leaflets encouraging people to visit Brazil. In Geography, we compared life in England and Brazil and completed our Brazil passport pages, something we do at the end of each country's unit to reflect on our learning. In Maths, we learned column subtraction with exchange, added and subtracted tens and continued to build confidence when adding two two-digit numbers. In PE, we enjoyed fun ball-skill games that focused on developing aim and in PSHE we built on our learning about wants and needs by exploring the importance of jobs and how people earn money. The highlight of the week was definitely Brazil Day, where the children arrived in bright colours and took part in a range of activities, including writing Amazon Rainforest poems, enjoying a Portuguese lesson, eating a Brazilian delicacy cheese bread, chopping fruits and vegetables to make fresh salsa and designing our own colourful carnival masks. The day ended with an energetic samba dance party, imagining we were in the Sambadrome, making it a wonderfully joyful and memorable experience for everyone.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

What another great week it has been here in Year 3! It was great to see so many odd socks on Monday to celebrate Anti-Bullying week. We designed our own odd socks and completed missions along with the CBBC live lesson to promote 'power for good'. In English this week, we have continued with our very exciting text 'The Stolen Spear'. We started the week with a practice write, writing a narrative about the storm that Wolf was caught in. We then developed some key skills we will need to be writing our own narratives, such as writing in first person, using past tense and looking at narrative structures with a beginning, middle and end. In Maths, we consolidated our knowledge of addition and subtraction by estimating answers, using the inverse and making decisions about which operation to use when problem solving. 3SC had a very exciting week planning and conducting their very own rock investigations. 3SC had to test a range of different rocks to see which were suitable for certain Stone Age jobs such as building homes, making tools and cave paintings. 3ND explored plant functions this week and which plants would have been around during the Stone Age period. We also managed to squeeze in some singing assemblies this week, ready for the Christmas show! Phew!



Year 4

Well, there's no escaping that Christmas has come to Pirbright! In Year 4 we are busy learning our song for The Christmas production of Elf and starting to learn the words for our scene at Gimbel's Department Store. We are sending the words home with the children to practice this week. Alongside, busily making and writing cards for our Christmas card factory which is progressing well – what a creative year group we are. In English we have been busy writing a character description of Razvani the Fire Fiend- please ask us how we described his voice and his appearance! We are looking forward to reading the rest of The Firework Maker's daughter to find out what happens to Lila and Lalchand at the end of the story. In Maths we have completed our unit on area – making and comparing the area of shapes- including our end of block Maths assessment. In Geography we have finally started to learn about Volcanoes and what makes them erupt! We can't wait to show all that we have been doing in the Learning Look next Friday. Thank you all for sending in the sweet filled houses, ready for our Christmas Fair on Saturday.



Year 5

As they have been reading *Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone*, the children in Year 5 have been continuing to develop their character description skills. Having all written descriptions of Harry Potter last week, this week the children have had the opportunity to choose a character of their choice to focus on: you will not be surprised to hear that most opted for Hagrid! In Maths this week, we have continued learning about fractions: understanding equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers and working out how to compare fractions with different denominators. Of course, our main event this week has been in Science! Potions Day was a fantastic success - everybody dressed up to play the part of a scientist, witch, wizard, or other Harry Potter character. The children absorbed so much scientific knowledge and understanding whilst creating their magical potions: reversible changes and how to achieve them; irreversible changes; chemical reactions and much, much more. The children were really in their element during this exciting day! The children have also been learning about Hinduism in RE, traditions in French and playing netball in PE – what a busy week!

Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have kick-started our work on *The Hobbit* which we are loving reading so far. We have immersed ourselves in the text, learning about the characters and settings. In our topic work, we have been putting our DT and Science knowledge and skills to the test with the creation of our own Morse Code machines. The design brief expected us to be able send a secret coded message over a short distance which most of us managed - we will see if we were completely successful next week when we put them to work. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, ensuring that we can order and compare them as well as add and subtract. Towards the end of the week we began working on our Year 6 scene for the Christmas Show, which was a lot of fun. Our song choice is *All Night Long* by Lionel Richie if you fancy a listen over the weekend!

