

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 started each day with phonics where we learnt the sounds v, w, x and y and showed our Super 6 skill of Perseverance when writing CVC words that contain these sounds. On Monday, we celebrated our differences by wearing odd socks to show awareness for Anti-Bullying week. We discussed how we are all different and that is what makes us special and unique. In maths we learnt about positional language such as next to, in front of, behind, above, in between, under and inside. We also learnt about numbers 4 and 5 and how to subitise to 5. This means being able to identify a representation to 5 without having to count. In Art we learnt about the artist Jackson Pollock. We discussed with our talk partners what we like and dislike about his work and then had a go at recreating his artwork in our style and colours. In Drawing Club, we read Little Glow and drew the character and wrote initial sounds. In French, we continued learning how to say new colours in French and enjoyed playing team games in the hall during PE. On Friday we had the most exciting afternoon for our first Forest School session where we loved making dens, playing in the giant puddle, exploring the mud kitchen and new resources and playing games. In music we started learning our Christmas Nativity songs and practised these throughout the week. Our provision this week has involved making pumpkin pie soup, playing a subitising game, matching CVC words to pictures, making firework art, playing on our brand-new bike and threading beads.



## Year 1

To mark Anti-Bullying Week, Year 1 arrived on Monday proudly showing off their brilliant, brightly coloured odd socks! This was a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate our differences and everything that makes each of us unique! On Tuesday, we continued our learning about what bullying means and shared ideas on how to be kind friends who look out for one another. In maths, Year 1 have really stepped it up! We have been learning about the addition and equal to symbols, using both to build and solve our own number sentences. We also explored addition fact families in preparation for learning our number bonds to 10 on Friday. Our teachers were extremely impressed by how much we already knew! Alongside all this brilliant maths, we even squeezed in some singing! This week, we began learning the songs for our Christmas show — and it's safe to say, we are all incredibly excited! Even though the weather has been rather wet this week, it has created the perfect conditions for our rain investigation. Every day, the children checked their measuring containers and recorded how much rain had fallen. We can confidently say we collected far more than we first predicted! Despite the drizzle, it has been a fantastic week in Year 1, full of kindness and curiosity!



## Year 2

This week in Year 2, we've been diving deeper into our learning and building on the skills we've already learnt. In Maths, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction, with a particular focus on subtraction. We have been practising subtracting with and without exchange, using tens and ones and the column method.

In English, we've been building up our skills ready to write a persuasive leaflet to encourage people to visit Brazil next week. We revisited alliteration, explored how to use conjunctions effectively, and learnt how to include commas in a list and ask rhetorical questions to make our writing more persuasive. In RE, we learnt about why giving is important to Christians and how generosity can make a positive difference, thinking about how we can 'give' acts of kindness in school and at home. In Computing, we discussed online safety, learning how to stay safe and make sensible choices when using the internet. Our Art lessons this week have been inspired by the Brazilian artist Romero Britto, who is known for his bold colours, playful patterns and fun style that combines elements of cubism and pop art. We have created our own vibrant masterpieces featuring Brazilian animals in Britto's distinctive style and they look fantastic! It's been a colourful and creative week full of great learning and we are looking forward to more of this next week as we head towards our Brazil day next Friday!





# 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

This week has seen the end of our maths unit on addition and subtraction and we were finally able to show off our skills and we have enjoyed our first session, learning how to work out the area of a shape. We were so excited to finally meet Razvani, the fire fiend in his grotto in our story of The Firework maker's daughter – please ask us how we would describe him and explain what happened when Lila came face to face with him! We have dived into the Christmas card factory where we have to draw, colour, write the inserts and envelope one hundred cards to be sent out locally! It is a huge undertaking and Year 4 feel very excited that we have been chosen to complete this task. We shall certainly be busy elves over the next week or two! We loved wearing odd socks to school on Monday at the start of Anti-bullying week and have enjoyed participating in a 'live lesson' on CBBC thinking about the best ways to stop bullying and spread kindness. Our second session of netball went brilliantly- we can now pass the ball in 3 different ways, pivot and shoot at the goal! All the children took home a little box house to fill with sweets ready for the Christmas Fair- please send them in as soon as they are completed! Thank you.



## Year 5

In English this week, Year 5 have continued reading *Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone*; we began by writing detailed character descriptions of the boy wizard himself before taking a stroll down J.K Rowling's famous *Diagon Alley*. We used the text as the starting point to revise and practise using figurative language, subordinating clauses and 'two pairs' sentences (ask your child about these!). All this talk of wizardry and witchcraft has certainly whetted the appetite for our *Potions Day* next week! Elsewhere, it has been a week of new topics: in Maths we have begun a sequence of lessons on fractions; we have started by learning about and investigating equivalent fractions. In Music we have started our new 'Classroom Jazz' topic, developing our improvising skills on the keyboards. Some of the children managed to maintain a steady drum beat so that the rest of the class could perform in time! In French, we have started to learn some of the vocabulary associated with 'traditions. Of course, Friday began with 5SF's space-tastic class assembly — we were so impressed by their performance: it's really looking promising for the Christmas show!

**Year 6** We have had a fabulous week in Year 6, with our WW2 day taking centre stage mid-week. Check out our reel on Instagram to see how great it was! We had the best day and enjoyed baking ration-inspired carrot muffins, codebreaking, dancing and making peg dolls. Our afternoon tea party was a huge success with lots of visitors who told us some brilliant stories and shared lots of artefacts and information with us. Thank you again to parents for the costumes, our helpful peg-doll making team of Pirbright family members and to all of our afternoon tea party visitors - we really appreciate your support and couldn't run the day without you. Back in the classroom we have been

completing some Maths assessments to see how our knowledge and understanding is coming on and have been generating lots of ideas for some lighthouse themed poetry. We have worked so hard on our poems and looked at a wide range of examples for inspiration. We look forward to seeing the final pieces next week! In our topic lessons, we have continued with our circuit work which has led to beginning to design morse code machines which will put this knowledge to the test.

