

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 great first week back! Our focus this week has been on Diwali and Remembrance. We started each day with phonics where we learnt the digraphs ll, ss, ff and the grapheme j. We had a go at reading captions on the whiteboard and then had a go at spelling some words independently. We were so proud of our letter formation! We read the story 'The Best Diwali Ever' and watched a documentary about Diwali which helped us understand what Diwali is and how it is celebrated. In our Drawing Club, we drew fireworks and wrote the initial sound for the colours we chose. We also read the story of Rama and Sita and learnt what Diwa lamp symbolise. We then made our own Diwa lamps using air dry clay and they look fantastic! We are excited to use them at home with a little tea light inside. In maths we have started learning about Shapes! We learnt about triangles and circles and their characteristics. We then looked around the classroom to see if we could spot any and discussed with our talk partner what we found. We have also started to use Ten Town to help with our number formation. So far we have learnt numbers 0-4 and how to form them correctly using the Ten Town rhyme. In French we learnt how to say colours; why not ask us what we learnt? On Friday, we learnt about Remembrance and showed our respect when walking to the cemetery by being silent. Have a good weekend!



## Year 1

What a busy first week back it has been for Year 1 as we kicked off our brand-new topic all about seasons! The week began with an autumn walk around the school grounds, where we looked carefully for signs of autumn — from colourful leaves to conkers and acorns. On Tuesday, we brainstormed everything we could think of that's linked to autumn, and we're excited to keep adding to our list as the seasons change throughout the year. All this seasonal learning came together in our English lesson on Thursday, when we used our ideas to write sentences all about autumn. We also began a rain investigation — over the next few weeks, we'll be measuring how much rain we collect each day to learn more about weather patterns. As if that wasn't enough, we also made great progress in other subjects! In maths, we started learning about addition and subtraction within 10. In music, we continued developing our sense of rhythm by exploring reggae music, and in French, we began learning the names of animals you might find in the jungle. It's been a wonderful, hands-on start to the new half term, and Year 1 can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings!



## Year 2

Year 2 have certainly come back from half term with renewed energy. In Maths, we have continued with our Addition and Subtraction unit, focusing on consolidating our work on column addition with no exchange. We then moved on to adding numbers across 10 that needed to be exchanged using column addition. We used lots of practical equipment to help us understand where we needed to exchange our extra 10. In English, we have moved on from our stories about *Grandpa Chatterji* and *Mothball the Wombat* to *Mr Elephant's Rio Tour*, focusing on the country of Brazil! So far, we have learnt about the landmarks in Brazil and practised being tour guides using this new vocabulary, just like Mr Elephant from our new text. We also had fun learning about the skill of alliteration and will eventually use our new knowledge to write leaflets persuading people to visit Brazil. In Topic, we finished off our focus on Australia, exploring its weather and seasons and finding out about the food people like to eat there. In PE, we started learning our Aboriginal dance. We completed our work on Australia by filling in our passport page with all the exciting information we have learnt. To end the week, we reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day through discussions and acrostic poems and were so proud of the respect shown during our visit to Brookwood Cemetery for the whole school Remembrance Service.





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

What an incredible first week back from half term Year 3 have had – it certainly has been busy! In Maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of using column addition and subtraction to add 3-digit numbers together as well as 2- and 3-digit numbers. We have also looked at complements to 100 this week and how this can help us with calculations. Why don't you ask us to show you what we have learnt? In English, we were able to read even more of *The Stolen Spear*. We created wanted posters to try and catch the suspected thief, went on a retrieval hunt to find the answers to questions and became Wolf himself to write a letter home. Most excitingly, our trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Thursday was a huge success! We were so proud of how well the children represented the school, their perseverance and collaboration when making cordage, digging up artefacts and learning even more about the Stone Age. We really did have the best time! The children continued to make us proud this week with our annual trip to the cemetery for our remembrance service and we continued this learning throughout the day, creating beautiful pieces of poppy art. Well done Year 3!



## Year 4

What a great week back at school we've had! We have been keen to continue our maths unit on subtraction and improved our estimation skills and learnt some more efficient ways to add and subtract numbers. In English we have been excited to find out what is happening next to Lila and Chulak in our story of *The Firework Maker's daughter* – this term we are focussing on writing character descriptions starting with Rambashi- please ask us to tell you all about this brilliant character! In Geography, we have been learning all about mountains and mountain ranges – what they are, how they were formed and where they are located. PE has been great this week – enjoying our first sessions of Lacrosse and Netball- all our PE is outside this term so remember to include some joggers and warm top in PE kits. The classes are very keen to win the TTRS battle this November, please can you support your child to earn some extra points over the next few weeks. We were so proud of all the children at our Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery today, it's always such a special way to commemorate this day at Pirbright.



## Year 5

Welcome back! We hope everybody had a lovely, relaxing half-term. This week saw the start of our extremely popular '*In Your Imagination*' topic. In English, our focus for the first three weeks of this half term will be on character descriptions; we began this week by reading the opening chapter of '*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*', and making notes about the various characters that have already appeared. In Maths, we looked at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, making sure we could explain how the digits changed value and place holders are added. The children also enjoyed some lively PE sessions this week, beginning with circuit training on Tuesday afternoon. Throughout the week, 5SF have been busily preparing and rehearsing for their class assembly next Friday; it's sure to be a great show and we hope to see you all there! Meanwhile, 5GJ have been learning about optical illusions, and looked at some of those created by famous artists such as Escher. They then practised using precise measurements, accurate line drawing and colouring to recreate a variety of different illusions. The week ended with a visit to Brookwood Cemetery for our annual remembrance service, which is always a moving and special occasion.



## Year 6

Our focus this week in Year 6 has been 'Remembrance' as we have prepared for our annual trip to Brookwood cemetery and another big event in our final year of Pirbright. In English, we worked hard on writing poems about war, loss and remembering those who sacrificed their lives for us. The end results were certainly impressive, with some bringing a tear to our eyes. In Maths, we tackled long division and used the 4 operations to solve a range of multi-step problems. Our topic work this week saw us learning some basic steps of the Charleston for some WW2 inspired dance routines, which we absolutely loved and got our hearts racing, it was so fast. Why not ask us to show you some of our routine? We also began work on our Science/DT project for this half term, where we will be creating Morse code machines. We kick started this learning by exploring circuits and consolidating our existing knowledge on electricity.

