

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 in Reception we have read the book 'The Little Red Hen' and discussed whether we agreed with what the Little Red Hen did at the end of the story or whether we think she should have shared her bread. Why not ask us what we thought and why? We started the week by doing a blending game in phonics where a word appeared and we had to read it together. We were great at taking turns. In phonics this week we have also played Simon Says with blending sounds to make words and practised our letter formation on white boards. We also did Dough Disco to help build up our hand strength ready to start writing. In Drawing Club, we re-read The Little Red Hen and drew a character from the story. We had a go at writing the initial sound and if we really fancied a challenge, we wrote the whole word (cat, duck, hen, dog). In French, we recapped how to say 'hello', 'goodbye' and 'how are you?' and enjoyed practising saying these to our friends. In Music we finished our first unit, 'Me'. We have sung songs about ourselves and moved our bodies. We also got to play the djembe drums again! In maths, we have been learning about how to find 1 more than a number to 3, 1 less than a number to 3 and the composition of numbers to 3. In our provision this week we have made pumpkin soup in the mud area, made Little Red Hen paper plates in the Creative Area, decorated an autumn tree with tiny bits of pipe cleaner and practised cutting with scissors in the Fine Motor Area, sorted numbers to 3 and made repeated patterns with our favourite characters in the maths area and built CVC words and used magnifying glasses to find little tricky words in the phonics area. Our teachers are so proud of how much we have learnt this half term!



## Year 1

Even though it was the final week before half term, Year One definitely didn't slow down! We started the week by jumping straight back into phonics following our first Year One phonics assessments last week. This also meant we got to read in our new reading groups and impress our friends with our ability to blend words in our heads. In English, we worked hard on writing sentences, remembering those all-important capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops. In RE, we continued our learning on the Christian festival of Harvest after watching the spectacular Year Four Harvest assembly on Friday. We discussed the true meaning behind the celebration and how Christians give thanks for the food they have. We also took time to reflect on all the people who help put food on our plates — from farmers to shop workers and of course, our mummies and daddies with their super cooking skills! In PSHE, we continued our topic of portraits by exploring our families and linking this to our art lessons by drawing our very own family portraits. Perhaps one of the most exciting moments of the week was filling our marble jar! All our hard work and teamwork paid off, and we celebrated with a well-deserved marble treat on Thursday afternoon. It's been a wonderfully busy first half term in Year One, and we've definitely earned a good rest over the break! Make sure you get some rest over the break because... if you thought this half term was busy, just wait until the run-up to Christmas!



## Year 2



From art and writing to maths and geography, this week has been full of curiosity and creativity! We are still enjoying our time in Australia and this week we learnt about some of the country's most famous landmarks, discovering fascinating facts about each one. We also explored Aboriginal art and learnt how artists use dots, patterns and symbols to tell stories. Using paint and cotton buds, we created our own Aboriginal inspired animal artwork, taking inspiration from the beautiful pieces we had looked at beforehand. In English, we finished reading 'Diary of a Wombat' and had lots of fun writing our own diary entries about a day in the life of Mothball the wombat. We made our diary entries funny by imagining all the cheeky things a mischievous wombat might get up to in 24 hours! During our writing, we focused on including descriptive noun phrases and conjunctions, as well as revising how to write verbs in the past tense using the suffix *-ed*. In Maths, we continued our work on addition and subtraction, learning how to add and subtract across tens, for example:  $38 + 7 = 45$  and  $52 - 6 = 46$ . We have been practising using different strategies to solve problems and explain our reasoning clearly. Wow — we cannot believe the first half term is already complete! We wish you all a lovely half term break and thank you so much for your continued support during what has been a fantastic and fun-filled first half term!





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

The rain this week hasn't stopped us from working hard! We have continued developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction with exchange by using the column addition and subtraction written methods. The children have been brilliant at using this method and have really showcased their strong place value knowledge to help them – their presentation was also incredible! This week also saw us delve into new English text 'The Stolen Spear' by Saviour Pirotta. We focused on our guided reading skills this week such as prediction, vocabulary and retrieval throughout the first 5 chapters of the story and it even ended on a cliff hanger for half term... Following on from learning about rock formations last week, we used our observation skills to look at and describe different types of rocks ready for our investigation when we return to school. We are getting excited about our trip to Butser Farm so we hope you enjoy a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the break!



## Year 4

We have had a very busy last week of half-term. The children had a fabulous last rugby session in PE and Ms Jackson is very impressed with how much progress they have made with their skills in gymnastics. In English, we have written a setting description of the Full Moon Festival from The Firework Maker's daughter. We have been very keen to use a range of fronted adverbials and similes in our descriptive writing – please ask us to share our favourite ones with you! In maths, we have been subtracting 4-digit numbers with exchanging – why not give us a challenge question to show off our new skills. In Geography we have been learnt about the layers of the earth and all about the importance of the tectonic plates. In computing we have been improving our coding skills to use an if/else code on Purple mash – why not have another go at this over the half-term! Please keep busy on TTRS over the holiday. We hope you have a wonderful half-term and come back refreshed and ready for learning on the 3rd November.



## Year 5

Wow, half a term completed in year 5 already, and what a great week this was. It started quietly, as we continued learning about Multiplication and Division in Maths, looking at factors and prime numbers in particular. We have also completed our second (and final) non-chronological report: this one about a creature that might live on the fictional moon of Pandora. The children have worked really hard to include all of the characteristic features of the genre and to edit carefully for both errors and potential improvements. In Computing, we are approaching the end of our topic on E-Safety and the children have had a go at creating a fictional character who gets themselves into a dangerous situation online, before making some good decisions in order to keep themselves safe. Things became very exciting on Wednesday morning when, after weeks of careful planning, designing and preparation, the children got to finish making their motorised moon buggies. The project will come to its exciting conclusion on Thursday afternoon when we will spend some time racing them in the hall. We will also spend some time evaluating their relative successes and failures, thinking about what we would recommend changing next time.

## Year 6

What a great final week of the first half term of the year over in Year 6! In Maths, we have been working on our written methods for multiplication and division. Why not check out the maths help videos in the gallery on the school website to see how we have been doing this. In our English lessons, we have concluded our work on 1st person narratives with our final write. We worked so hard on our retelling of a scene from Letters from the Lighthouse and made sure to really include a range of features from the Year 6 writing wishlist. We were all very proud of the finished result! Our topic lessons have seen us recreate a piece of war art by the artist Henry Moore using wax resist techniques and setting up and monitoring our science investigation on microorganisms. You could ask us what we have noticed so far on our pieces of bread and if our predictions are correct so far. We hope everyone has a restful half term, ready for more madness on the run up to Christmas

