

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 busy week with our focus being on the story 'Elmer'. We read this on Monday and discussed how it is good to be unique and stand out. Later in the week, we had a class discussion having re-read Elmer and discussed what makes us unique. We listened well and were great at taking turns. We continued with phonics this week and learnt the sounds 'i', 'n' and 'm' and 'd' and learnt the graphemes too (how to write it). In maths, we have been learning how to match objects and match objects with pictures. We learnt about body parts during our Carpet Time and played some games such as Simon Says to help us remember them, especially shoulders, elbows and ankles! In PE we have focused on how to get changed independently. In French, we learnt how to greet each other. Why not ask us how to say "hello" in French? During Choosing Time, we developed our hand grip by placing beads on wavy lines, decorated Elmer with different patterns, engaged in an aeroplane role play area, drawn portraits, whizzed round the track on bikes, played an initial sound matching game in the phonics area, made Play-dough cookies and much more!



Year 1

This was our third full week in Year 1, and it has been fantastic to see just how happy and settled the children are becoming. This week, we began our RE lessons by exploring special books. Some children even shared their own special books from home, which made the lesson extra meaningful. We also started our Science lessons, where we learnt about the human body by labelling different body parts on a picture of ourselves. In Art, we investigated the many different types of lines we can draw, building our skills ready for the self-portrait masterpieces we'll be creating soon. These skills also helped us in English, where we continued our work on fairy tales by reading and retelling the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children thoroughly enjoyed bringing the story to life with masks and puppets they had carefully made themselves. In Computing, our focus has been online safety, so we continued to build on our knowledge of how to keep ourselves safe while using technology. Maths challenged us this week as we practised counting on from any number and explored the idea of 'one more' than a given number. This was in addition to our Number Sense sessions, where we have been flying through subitising. Finally, to round off an already exciting week, the children showed fantastic energy, determination and teamwork when competing in potted sports on Friday afternoon. Well done Year 1!



Year 2 Another fun and busy week has flown by in Year 2! In Maths, we continued our place value unit by comparing amounts and numbers using the symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$. We also practised ordering two-digit numbers and revising "ten more" and "ten less" from any number within 100—please do quiz us on this at home! In English, we reached the end of our *Grandpa Chatterji* unit. Using our knowledge of conjunctions and noun phrases, we wrote character descriptions about Grandpa Chatterji and then practised editing with our purple editing pens. Our Geography lesson took us to India, where we explored its climate. We found out that India has different types of weather—like hot and dry, rainy (monsoon) and cold in the mountains and we had a great discussion when comparing this to the weather we have here. We then learnt about the features of instructions, so that next week we can write our own on how to make chapatis and then follow them to make some ourselves! In Music, we've been enjoying the *Hands, Feet, Heart* unit, learning to sing, play, and improvise to a lively South African song. We've also explored rhythm through games and have loved performing in groups for the class. To finish the week, we had our Potted Sports event. We were so proud of the effort and resilience shown by everyone—it was a fantastic way to end the week!





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

It has been another fun week of learning here in Year 3 – our Super 6 skills have had the opportunity to shine! The classroom in 3ND has been full of singing and rehearsals as the children practiced their lines for their class assembly next Friday... we can't wait to see it come together! Instead of rehearsals, 3SC have been looking at Stone Age homes and have made some wonderful discoveries about Stone Henge. Why don't you ask us some facts about it? This week, we concluded our place value learning in maths by finding 1, 10, 100 more and less than 3-digit numbers as well as estimating on number lines, ordering and comparing 3-digit numbers and counting in 50s. In our writing sessions this week, we have put our instruction writing skills from the past two weeks to the test by writing our own set of instructions about how to wash a Stone Age animal. We are so proud of the children for all of their hard work this week! It was great to see such perseverance, collaboration and determination taking place in our house team potted sports event this week too... the children have been incredible.



Year 4

We have had another extremely busy week in Year 4! Another week of sunshine has certainly helped! We have had our second session of rugby which we enjoyed on the field-although still finding throwing the ball behind us a bit of a challenge. We had a fabulous time at our Potted Sports event and thank you so much for coming to support us and cheering us on! In English we completed our non-chronological reports describing how our new cleaning machine would work and how well it would save time (mostly for our parents!). We were certainly able to identify all the correct features in our writing too! We had our first spelling tests this week and were pleased to see what great practising had been going on! In Maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000 - please ask how we do this and give us a few challenging ones to complete. We were very excited to paint our Steady hand game boxes this week and start to think about how we can add even more interesting details to theme them – ready for Year 3 to play them at the end of next week.



Year 5

We have had a busy week in Year 5 this week! In Maths we continued to look at place value, considering numbers up to a million.

Our topic is continuing at a fast pace: we looked at the artistic techniques of Peter Thorpe, and had a go at recreating elements of his work using a range of artistic media. We then produced our own pieces in his style. In Science, we have been learning about the movement of the Earth and the impact that this has on both the way shadows change size and direction, and also the Sun's apparent movement across the sky. In English, we continued to follow Liam's adventures in the novel *Cosmic*, and applied our learning of speech punctuation to use dialogue to advance the action in our writing. We have started our computing lessons too, looking at learning the importance of online safety. Our learning in RE has been all about the Christian view of Creation; we linked this concept to the things that we have created ourselves, how we feel when we create things and how we might feel in other people did not take care of our creations.



Year 6

This week has seen us tackle our first set of SATs papers over in Year 6. We have been calm and completed them with confidence. We know now what we need to work on specifically and look forward to learning more and making improvements each time! Our topic lessons have seen us looking deeper into some of the mistreatment of the Jewish community throughout WW2, which we dealt with very maturely. Our English lessons this week have seen us ending our unit on balanced arguments with our final write. We explored whether or not we believe that an injured Luftwaffe pilot who had crash landed on British soil should be helped or not. The end results were great and we wrote them up beautifully, showcasing our improved handwriting. The week obviously concluded with a great Potted Sports and our first opportunity at leading as Year 6s.

