

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 an exciting week settling in school and have done a superb job at remembering all our routines! We began our day with our Morning Challenge where we read books, built towers in the Construction Area, practised our cutting with scissors, built models with magnatiles and much more. We enjoyed Choosing Time where we made new friends and explored some new activities, such as feeding hungry tennis balls some beans with little spoons in our fine motor area, played a sock matching game in our maths area and travelled on an aeroplane in our role play area. We also enjoyed being outside where we learnt some new rules and had fun on the bikes and in the water tray. We loved painting in the art area and making pictures with different pens and glitter. In phonics, we have played some games including guessing what's in the special box by listening carefully to the sounds we heard and following instructions such as "can you nod your h-e-a-d". We practised undressing and dressing in PE and learnt about our body parts. Why not ask us to point to our ankle, wrist and shoulder? We've had a great week of exploring and are settling in really well to our new routines in Reception. Our teachers are really proud of our us!



Year 1

Despite a busy first week back, Year 1 returned on Monday ready and raring to go! This week, we officially launched our Autumn topic: Earth, Wind and Fire! To begin, we looked a little closer to home by exploring ourselves and discovering the similarities and differences we share with our friends. The children put exceptional effort into their first piece of topic work, creating vibrant posters all about themselves for our shiny, new topic books. In Art, we practised holding a pencil correctly in preparation for our self-portraits later this half term. In Maths, we also started putting pen to paper, focusing on number formation and learning how to write numbers as words. During our Number Sense sessions, we built on our subitising skills by recognising numbers 6-10 using our knowledge of '5 and a bit'. We even found time to squeeze in Computing, where we learned all about staying safe online. To round off a jam-packed week, we finished with French, wowing our teachers with how much we remembered from Reception!



Year 2

We've had another busy but fantastic week in Year 2! In Maths, we have been diving deeper into our understanding of place value. We have been working hard to identify how many tens and ones are in a number, writing numbers up to 100 in their expanded forms, and partitioning two-digit numbers in different ways.

We've also been plotting numbers on number lines up to 100, which has really helped us think carefully about their order and value. We've also been counting in 2s and 5s – please do test the children at home, as the extra practice makes a big difference. In English, our travels took us back to India. We went on a fact hunt to learn more and even "visited" New Delhi! We discovered landmarks such as the Lotus Temple and the Red Fort and then wrote postcards home, imagining what it would be like to see these places in real life. Building on our class book, *Grandpa Chatterji*, we also wrote character descriptions. We have been focusing on using noun phrases to add extra detail, as well as joining our ideas with conjunctions such as 'and' and 'because'. On Thursday afternoon, we joined our house teams to vote for the next Year 6 House Captains! We listened carefully to the wonderful speeches before casting our votes. It's been brilliant to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic in their learning – we are really proud of the effort they are putting in each day!





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

It has been another busy week here in Year 3 and the children have demonstrated their Super six skills fabulously all week! We have continued with developing our place value knowledge this week, with a focus on representing and partitioning numbers to 1000. We have also been consolidating and practicing our arithmetic skills in our Fluency Friday sessions and really showing off what we can do. After immersing ourselves into 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' last week, we streamlined our skills with a focus on imperative verbs and adjectives, ready to write our very own set of instructions next week. In amongst all of this fun, we also managed to squeeze in how to keep ourselves safe online in computing, discovered the Stone Age village of Skara Brae and created information videos about it as well as looking and evaluating the design of Stone Age homes. We also had the opportunity to use democracy this week with the House Captain elections taking place. Phew, what a week!



Year 4

It's been another lovely week here in Year 4, the sun shining has definitely helped! In maths this week, we have continued to focus on place value, especially thousands. We have looked at how we can represent numbers to 10,000 as well as how we can partition them in different ways. This has really secured our understanding of the digits and value of these numbers. The world of Cracking Contraptions has not stopped here this week. Friday, saw us design our own machine to help us tidy our bedrooms next week we will be writing a non-chronological report to explain how it would work- please ask us about our design. We have made circuits with switches this week, even making our own working switches using paper clips and split pins! We have become so knowledgeable about electricity over the past couple of weeks, we have been able to use our knowledge to design a steady hand game for Y3 to enjoy. We are combining our simple circuits with, switch making abilities and DT skills to make them fun and engaging. Amongst all of that, we also found time to explore Sikhism for the first time in RE, gymnastics with Ms Jackson as well as the well anticipated House Captain Elections!



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

Our first full week in school has been a busy one over in Year 6. In our English lessons, we wrote a balanced argument, using a WAGOLL for support, about whether or not we believe children should have been evacuated from London during WW2. We then moved on to picking out key SPaG features from this text type to explore before we plan and write our own balanced argument next week. We worked on the use of adverbials of addition, semi-colons and sentence openers. In Maths, we have continued with our place value unit, with a focus on rounding, comparing, ordering and number lines. Our topic lessons this week have had us exploring both the countries and leaders involved in WW2. We also tapped into our amazing creativity towards the end of the week when we began creating propaganda posters.

