

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 and hot week! We started by reading *The Rainbow Fish* where we discussed the story and how the Rainbow Fish was feeling at the beginning and end of the story and what he did for others that made him feel happy in the end. In Art, we had a go at weaving and learnt what this technique means. We chose a coloured fish and used our newly learnt technique to create weaving pattern with different colours. As part of our Understanding of the World, we learnt about the parts of a fish. In French, we continued learning about French animals; why not ask us the final animal we learnt how to say? In PE, we enjoyed playing some games and thought carefully about our balance and space around us. On Thursday, we had a fun morning engaging with some drama workshops called *Jungle Rumble!* We had so much fun. In maths, we have continued learning about position and direction and used maps to create familiar places. We have also spent some time rehearsing our song for the Summer Concert next week which is super exciting! In our Busy Bee groups, we have followed instructions such as 'stick the ball in front of the tree' to create a cut and stick picture, used position cards to describe where the bear is and recapped sorting representations of numbers 6, 7 and 8. In our provision, we have used magnetic rods to fish for phase 4 words, used paper clips to make jelly fish, walked the plank in our outdoor Construction Area water set up, painted sea creatures, sorted 2D and 3D shape and enjoyed our Animal Rescue Centre role play.



Year 1

We are racing through the second half of term and it is still all systems go in Year 1! In Maths, we have been busy exploring position and direction. We used our knowledge of fractions to learn all about turns (quarter, half, full and three-quarter) before focusing on position (left, right, forwards and backwards). We gave directions to our friends to get around our classroom and were also able to put our skills to the test in the Outdoor Area and at Forest School. We then considered ways to remember the difference between left and right, using our hands to help us. Ask us how and we will be glad to show you! In English, we finished our class reader, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark'. We spent time discussing which parts of the book we liked and disliked and why, and then made a mind map of all of our different opinions. We have really enjoyed our first chapter book! Our phonics learning has covered lots of new graphemes this week, continuing to build on our knowledge of different ways to write the same sound. Luckily, the weather had cooled down a little before we had our tennis lessons on Wednesday. We got into the spirit of Wimbledon practising our forehands! We had a real treat on Thursday when we took part in the *Jungle Rumble* workshop and we ended the week watching the fantastic Year 6 performance on



Year 2

We've just had the best week ever filled with fun, creativity, and unforgettable experiences! We kicked off with an amazing trip to Littlehampton Beach. While it was sweltering back home, we were lucky to enjoy dreamy weather: a gentle breeze, clouds for shade, and the cool sand and sea at our feet. Watching the children splash in the waves, build incredible sandcastles (and even a seaweed monster!), and enjoy ice creams was pure joy. The excitement continued on Wednesday when the wonderful Steph joined us for a Victorian peg doll workshop. It was just the perfect creative boost when we were feeling a bit tired. In the afternoon, we began exploring the features of a bathing machine during DT, sparking lots of curiosity and ideas. Thursday brought the energetic *Jungle Rumble* drama workshop, full of laughter and movement, as well as starting to design our own bathing machines using CAD. We wrapped up the week with an incredible Year 6 performance; what a fantastic show. It's been a truly memorable week packed with learning, laughter, and creativity. We can't wait to enjoy the last two weeks together of what has been a truly excellent.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

It may have been a shorter (and hotter) week than usual but it has been no less busy! We were particularly excited to get outside for our last forest school session this year. We have absolutely loved the opportunity to build dens, create nature-based art, make animal homes and feeders, not to mention the excitement of cooking (and eating) our smores over a campfire this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Bean for leading these sessions. In our English lessons, we have begun our final topic reading and writing information texts about some inspirational environmentalists- Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough. We loved making our own placards to join their protests and creating fact files about their lives. As part of our Science topic, we have been learning about what plants need to grow healthily. We have set up a class investigation where each group removes one of the test factors so some plants are being grown without water, whilst others have no light. Throughout the week we have been keeping a close eye on the changes to our plants. All of this, whilst happily singing our Summer Concert songs on regular occasions. What a busy week!



Year 4

Wow – it has certainly been a scorcher this week! It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Ufton Court exhibition on Friday afternoon; we hope you enjoyed all of the activities as much as we did planning them and teaching you! Despite it being a 4-day week, we have certainly managed to fit in lots of learning this week and the children have worked incredibly hard completing end of Year 4 assessments – we are so proud! In Maths, we have carried on our learning all about shape. We have looked specifically at identifying and drawing different quadrilaterals, polygons and lines of symmetry. Why don't you ask us what the difference is between regular and irregular polygons? We started looking at different types of poems this week – any excuse to re-watch Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' – with a particular focus on narrative poems. We were introduced to William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' on Friday, ready to start writing our own narrative poetry over the coming weeks. This week has also seen us develop our sewing skills to make Roman money bags. We have planned and designed how to make our money bag unique as well as practiced running and over stitches to secure our applique and money bags together. We can't wait to see the finished results! The classrooms have also been alive with all things rock as we prepare for the best event of the year... the Summer Concert!



Year 5

Year 5 have definitely managed to cram a lot into four days this week! In Maths, we completed our work on negative numbers, finishing up with the most impressive set of end-of-block test scores of the year! We have now moved on to converting units of measure which, incredibly, is our penultimate Maths topic! In English, we have continued to delve into the fantastical world of Viking mythology, collecting lots of vivid descriptive vocabulary (including some very difficult spellings!) before starting to write our own versions of the Norse creation story. Sticking with that theme, the children have now completed the final clay version of their Viking figureheads and have also painted them in vibrant colours; we are sure that they will look perfect on your mantelpiece at home! In RE, we have been learning about baptism, some of the symbolism involved and why it is such an important ritual for Christians. In Music, we spent some time listening to and discussing the song, 'Central Park in the Dark' by the composer Charles Ives. This was one of the most interesting pieces we've listened to and we were shocked to learn that the composer lived many years ago! We also had great fun rehearsing for the summer concert! We won't spoil the surprise but we are sure you'll be singing along!

Year 6

With an INSET Day and two days of secondary school induction, there is no escaping the fact that the main focus of our energies has been in preparing and rehearsing for today's performance of The Heroic Adventures of Rodney Hood. It has been enormously gratifying to see so many of the children stepping up to the challenge, delivering their lines with dramatic flair and singing the songs with gusto. We hope that it has created deep-rooted memories that they will cherish as they move on to the next chapter of their lives in a few short weeks. We look forward to seeing the children's River Projects next week

