

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 continued to read the book *Handa's Surprise* where we have focused on the different types of animals that live in the African Savanna. We had a go at painting some pictures of the animals that live on the Savanna and tried our best to think about colour and size of the paintbrushes needed. In maths, we have been revisiting adding and taking away using the language of first, then and now. We used our ten frames to help us solve some word problems! In PE, had a great time with both classes down on the field with Ms Jackson (although it was very hot!). We practised for Sports Day and not only did we try our hardest, we also cheered on our friends to show how much we support them. In Topic, we listened to the story of *Yumi goes to Kenya* and explored some of the similarities and differences between the UK and Kenya. On Wednesday, we enjoyed some time with Year 5 where we enjoyed some play activities together and then found a shady spot to share some stories together. On Friday, we had a super afternoon doing Sports Day! We tried so hard, supported our friends and are so proud of ourselves! Especially for showing our Super 6 skill of Perseverance! In the provision this week, we have made elephant toilet rolls, had fun with coloured balls in the water tray, practised subitising to 10 by giving bears a home and counting the right number, curled paper strips to strengthen our fingers whilst making our own lion manes, balanced bears on lolly sticks and cups and made our own stories using the wild animal small world figures.



Year 1

Year 1 began their week looking at a new book, *'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark'* by Jill Tomlinson. We spent time discussing what this book could be about, using our knowledge of birds to think about what the problem could be! We discussed the positives and negatives of the dark and how different people could have different opinions about darkness. We then wrote about opposing points of view, using 'some' and 'others' to compare how people could feel. Ask us what advantages and disadvantages we thought of. We have really enjoyed reading the opening chapters and listening to the adventures that Plop the barn owl has had so far! In Maths, we have started to explore money. We learnt the value of different coins and notes and used our number knowledge to count and compare them. We have also continued our topic of 'Nurturing Nature' and this week learnt about birds and reptiles, looking at their distinctive features and thinking about how they differ from mammals and amphibians. The lovely weather has given us lots of opportunities to continue our learning in the Year 1 outside area and in Forest School. We also had our second visit to Pirbright Tennis Club. We finished the week with Family Lunch and Sports Day. Thank you to everyone who came to support us!



Year 2

From creative printing in Art to persuasive posters in History, Year 2 have had another wonderfully busy week. In Art, the children brought their William Morris inspired designs to life. They experimented with rollers and polyboard to create their own printed wallpaper, carefully designing and printing repeated patterns. In English, they continued to build on their sentence writing skills, focusing on using expanded noun phrases and planned their own imaginative stories inspired by the wordless video *"Something Fishy"*, inventing new characters and selecting rich vocabulary to bring their narratives to life. During Maths lessons, the children delved further into our statistics unit. We created block diagrams and pictograms, then used them to answer questions and tackle a variety of problems involving the given data. Our History learning took us back to the Victorian seaside. We explored how Victorian inventions made seaside holidays possible, labelled pictures of Victorian beach scenes and discussed how they compare to modern day holidays. To finish, the children created colourful persuasive posters inviting people to enjoy a day at a Victorian seaside, complete with donkey rides, Punch and Judy shows and strolls along the promenade. A highlight of the week was Sports Day! The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination, and resilience and we were so proud of the enthusiasm and support they showed for one another.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

It has been so lovely to enjoy the sun this week and to make the most of being able to be outside. We were lucky enough to have our second Forest school session this week, where we all impressed Mrs Bean with our curiosity and independence as we became mini explorers. Our Science lessons have also taken us outside as we worked in teams to re-enact the way plants transport water around their system.– although to be honest, plants seem to be a little more efficient (and accurate!) than our human attempts! Why not ask us to describe how we moved the water using tubes and sponges? In our English lessons, we wrote our own ending to *The Promise* including examples of our wonderful vocabulary and varied sentence structures we have been practising. Our Maths topic has moved on to focus on Money. We have checked that we can recognise all the coins (as well as the bank notes with the picture of King Charles) and then looked at adding these together to create different amounts. Look out– we will be wanting to do lots of shopping soon! It was fantastic to finish the week with such a wonderful day demonstrating all our Pirbright Values at Sports Day. We are very proud of each and every one of you for having a go and showing those winning smiles.



Year 4

What a wonderful week we have had! Our trip to Ufton Court was fantastic- the children were amazing and took part in all of the activities so brilliantly. I'm sure they've told you all about: weapons and shields, army formations, making bows, archery, playing Roman games, learning Roman skills, Boudicca's revolt and battles, the Augury and of course the huge Roman Banquet! We were so proud of all of the children and they certainly joined in all of the activities with enthusiasm which the Ufton Court Leaders all commented on! We are very much looking forward to sharing all of our Roman knowledge and Ufton Court activities with you next Friday afternoon, during our Roman Exhibition. In maths, we have completed our unit of work on time – please challenge us to convert times using the 24-hour clock. We are looking forward to learning all about shape next week in maths. In English we will be writing our non-chronological reports about The Colosseum and have discovered some incredibly facts about this iconic building. A huge well done to all of the children for participating in Sports day in the sunshine and we are very proud of how well they have all done! Have a lovely weekend!



Year 5

The Viking figureheads that we began learning about last week are really beginning to take shape; on Tuesday, we used last week's sketched designs to create plasticine prototypes in order to refine our plans and ideas. We are looking forward to the final stage (sculpting them out of clay) next week. In Maths, we have successfully completed our unit on decimals, and have moved on to learning about negative numbers. We began with a recap of what they are before comparing and ordering negative numbers and also counting in sequences that went above and below zero. In English, we have continued to use Alfred Noyes' narrative poem, *The Highwayman* as the stimulus for our writing activities. This week, that has involved composing a first-person 'witness statement' from the point of view of Tim the ostler and also converting a section of the poem into a prose story. The week ended with the excitement of our annual Sports Day; it is always a high-point in the Pirbright calendar and, once again, the children impressed everybody with their enthusiasm, competitiveness, perseverance and good-sportsmanship.



Year 6

We have been enjoying our new text, *The Explorer*, in English lessons this week and have produced some excellent descriptions, including personification. We also planned how we could survive in the Amazon jungle. We have some intrepid and resourceful explorers in Year 6! In our topic work, we have been following up the learning from our residential trip and creating fact files about river features and processes. We also set to work practising for the Year 6 performance and the children have thrown themselves into the roles: acting, dancing and singing. Mrs Peers ran through the songs with the children on Wednesday and we are sounding good at this early stage! As we write this, we are looking forward to what will be a scorching Sports Day and we have no doubt that our children—team captains and all the Year 6 children - will be superstars, supporting the younger children and leading by example!

