

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

We have had a busy week down in Reception from selling popcorn to touching a snake! We started the week by reading Handa's Surprise and discussed how Kenya and the UK are different from looking at the pictures in the story. We discussed why Handa was surprised too at the end of the story. On Tuesday, we were very excited to do some fruit tasting! We tried all the fruits from Handa's Surprise and discussed which ones we liked and which ones we didn't like so much. We spoke about how they tasted and their textures. In maths this week, we have been learning about Even and Odd Sharing, and Building with Doubles. In our Busy Bee groups, we picked number cards and shared out counters to see if they were even or odd numbers, played a caterpillar doubling game, filled in missing numbers on a number track and got into groups with our friends to see if a number was even or odd. In Music this week we listened to 'Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy' from the Nutcracker. We loved identifying the different instruments we could hear, and then we tried to work out what sort of dance it was composed for! On Thursday we had a super exciting visit from Zoo Lab where we were lucky enough to not just see lots of animals, but also touch and hold some too! Why not ask us to tell you the special animals we met? We've also been closely observing our caterpillars...they are slowly coming out of their chrysalis into their final stage; a butterfly! A few of them have already emerged and it has been great fun seeing all the amazing changes they go through.



## Year 1

This week saw two new activities for Year 1. On Wednesday, we attended our first tennis sessions at the Tennis Club. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and a change of scenery too. We also had our first Forest School session and we were super excited to explore the area! We played a game to get us used to the boundary of Forest school and considered ways of keeping ourselves safe. Then we got stuck in! Some were creating mud pies while others were bug hunting using magnifying glasses and some were building dens using sticks from our stick library. Our Maths learning has focussed on mass and volume. We have enjoyed using the scales and water to explore these two topics and have practised using mathematical vocabulary to explain what we found out when weighing different items and filling containers. In Science, we learnt all about amphibians and what qualities make them different to other animals, before using all our knowledge of animals to classify different ones. Ask us how we know if an animal is an amphibian or a mammal! This week also saw Year 1 demonstrating their perseverance during the Phonics Screening Assessments. We were very proud of the children's efforts and the progress they have made since September! They have worked so hard! We ended the week with our Big Read where we enjoyed sharing a story with our families.



## Year 2

We've had a busy and creative week in Year 2, which began with completing an artist study focused on the wonderful work of William Morris. We explored his unique style and designed our own prints inspired by his work. Next week, we're excited to take our designs to the next step by pressing them into foam polyboard to create beautiful prints. In Maths, we began a new unit all about collecting, organizing, and interpreting data. The children learned how to create and interpret tally charts, block charts, and pictograms. English lessons continued with the "Something Fishy" video, helping the children to build their vocabulary with powerful adjectives and to practice grammar concepts, including suffixes and apostrophes for possession. On Monday, the whole year group got together with Ms Jackson to explore the activities that will be happening on Sports Day. They got the opportunity to see what the games looked like and which one they would like to participate in. While 2BT were busy putting the final touches to their class assembly on Wednesday, 2HJ were outside practicing their batting and bowling skills with another mini game of rounders. The highlight of the week was of course 2BT's class assembly. 2HJ were so proud of them and very much enjoyed being taken back in time to the Victorian era!





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

Once again, we have been very excited to begin exploring a new text through our English lessons. This time we began by building a jigsaw of the front cover of "The Promise" which helped us to predict what we thought the story might be about. Having recently learnt about setting descriptions, we then enjoyed trying to draw the setting being described by the author without seeing her own illustrations. Our work in Maths has continued looking at shapes, this week investigating both 2D and 3D shapes and becoming familiar with their properties. In our topic work, we have discussed how food packaging has changed over recent years to reflect our understanding of the damage we are doing to our environment. We were very lucky to have a real-life expert (and Mum!) who then came to talk to us about how packaging is designed and logos are created. We then used this knowledge to help us design our own eco-friendly packaging which would be suitable for a fairtrade product. Although we designed them on paper, we then used CAD to help create our final product. All this fun was topped off perfectly by enjoying the sunshine with our first Forest school session and sharing our love of reading with so many of you at the Big Read.



## Year 4

We have been so proud of the children's perseverance and determination this week to shine in the Multiplication Tables check. They have worked incredibly hard over the past year to strengthen their times tables knowledge and this hard work has certainly paid off. Now time for a well-earned TTRS break! The classrooms have been full of excitement for our residential next week, with lots of conversations about packing lists and teddy bears... we hope you've been practicing making your bed! In English, we have sharpened our note-taking skills to search and collect information about The Colosseum, ready to write non-chronological reports when we return. Amongst the times table practice, we have also managed to finish our unit on money this week in maths, as well as begin looking at time with a focus on years, months, weeks and day alongside hours and minutes and the 24hour clock. We delved a little bit into Boudicca this week, and examined how all choices and actions have consequences as well as looking at Roman roads and how we still use them today. Phew, get lots of rest for Monday!



## Year 5

The children have really enjoying reading *Beowulf* and learning so much about the Vikings over recent weeks, so we decided to capitalise on their enthusiasm and keep the theme going for a little longer! This week, we have been researching Viking figureheads, and have made some preliminary sketches in preparation for our work on sculpture. We will be bringing these designs to life next week using plasticine and clay. In English, we have moved forward in history from the Vikings to 18th century England by focusing on Alfred Noyes narrative poem, 'The Highwayman'. To begin with, we have been using clues from the text to create annotated images and character descriptions of the main protagonist. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on decimals with some subtracting, adding, sequences and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. Finally, we have been enjoying the good weather and using the opportunity to get outside and do lots of PE! This week, we have been developing some of the key skills in both rounders and cricket, and also squeezed in some practice for next week's Sports Day races!



## Year 6

OUT OF OFFICE THIS WEEK!

