

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 our focus has been on the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda Armitage and how Coastguards keep us safe. We started the week with Drawing Club where we read the story and spent a long time discussing each part. We made predictions about how Mrs Grinling was going to safely deliver Mr Grinling's lunch without the seagulls eating it. For our Drawing Club, we came up with a horrible lunch that we designed and wrote a sentence about that the seagulls would hate! Our ideas were very interesting! Throughout the week, we learnt about Coastguards and how important their job is. We learnt what they do and where they work and reminded ourselves what number we call if we are ever in an emergency. We learnt about the RNLI lifeguards and watched some videos of the coastguards and RNLI in action out at sea. During Choosing Time, we conducted a sink or float experiment in the Science Lab! We predicted whether certain things, including a rock, toy car and a pine cone would sink or float and then tested it out to see if our predictions were right. We were surprised that some things started to float but sunk as they filled with water. We also began making lighthouses in our Creative Area during Choosing Time. In maths, we have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes. We learnt that 2D shapes are flat and 3D shapes are not and how you can spot 2D shapes within 3D shapes on their faces. We went on a 3D shape hunt in the classroom, practised drawing 2D shapes and sorted 2D and 3D images in our Busy Bee maths groups. On Friday, we learnt about Grace Darling, a famous lady from the 1800's...why not ask us why she was famous and what remarkable thing she did?



Year 1

Year One have begun a design and technology project this week, with a focus on 'Moving Pictures'. Building on our knowledge of levers and sliders, we went on to look at pivots and wheels and thought about how these mechanisms are used in children's books and pictures. Using the explorers we have learnt about as inspiration, the children got busy designing and making a moving picture to tell Reception one fact about their chosen explorer. We were so impressed with their efforts—with some children using levers to show Neil Armstrong zooming to the moon or Michael Henson trekking through the North Pole and others using a sliders to show Amelia Earhart flying or Christopher Columbus sailing across the sea. We are excited to share our work with Reception very soon and assess how good our designs are for our audience. In English, we continued work on 'Journey' by writing about our senses. We are putting our adjectives to good use—regular practise is helping us remember how to use an them effectively. Ask us about our journey on a magic carpet! In Maths, we practised subtracting within 20, by counting on and by using our number bonds. In RE, as part of our Christianity topic, we learnt about Jesus' life and which aspects of his life show him as 'human' and 'divine'. We loved welcoming our special people in for 'Family Lunch' too.



Year 2

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2! In Maths we have been busy measuring, comparing, and ordering lengths using metre sticks and rulers. In English, after collecting our research last week, we wrote detailed non-chronological reports on our chosen minibeasts. From fascinating facts about buzzing bees to our 8 legged friends, their reports were full of amazing discoveries! DT was a hands-on adventure as we explored different types of puppets and the materials used to make them. The children then put their design skills to the test, sketching their very own minibeast puppets before learning the all-important running stitch—a fantastic start to their sewing journey! The highlight of the week? Our unforgettable trip to Nower Wood! The children immersed themselves in nature, using their senses to explore the woodland, pond dipping to discover aquatic minibeasts, and embarking on a minibeast hunt. It was a truly magical experience that brought our recent learning to life! A huge well done to all our Year 2 learners for their enthusiasm and hard work and to the parents who volunteered their time to join us for the day.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

Having mastered our two times tables facts, our Number Sense moved on this week to introduce square numbers. We spent some time learning what these are, how to show them in different pictorial methods and then practised recalling them at speed. Why not test us out? In English, we have continued reading the Story of Tutankhamun whilst learning some of the grammatical features we will need when writing our own diary entry of this exciting event. As our topic ends and we begin to prepare for our Pop Up Museum, the children have been creating artefacts to illustrate their learning including measuring and sculpting clay cartouches, creating posters and fact files about Cleopatra as well as producing hieroglyphic bookmarks and mapwork of Ancient Egypt. You honestly won't want to miss out on seeing our treasure trove of goodies!



Year 4

The fun never stops here in Year 4! After looking at the Greek myth of Heracles last week, we dug even deeper into the world of Greek myths and mythical creatures this week. We started the week by looking at a range of different mythical beasts and using our wonderful vocabulary skills to write interesting descriptions about them. We then took this knowledge to create our very own mythical creatures and it's safe to say we wouldn't want to meet many of them in a dark alley! We used our description writing skills from Monday to write our own descriptions and then planned our own story and ideas about how Heracles will complete his extra labour. Don't forget to ask us all about our own creatures! In Maths, we competed in the live World Mathematics on Wednesday to celebrate World Maths Day as well as continuing our fractions unit with a focus on mixed numbers and placing them on a number line. Monday also saw us start our new Number Sense booklets – the 9x table and even more excitingly, we now know all of our 36 essential times table facts! In amongst all the madness, we managed to squeeze in recipe writing for our Greek flatbreads, hockey, discussing our Year 4 enterprise project, PSHE and a WONDERFUL 4LB class assembly! We are so proud of you 4LB!



Year 5

As we head towards the Easter break, Year 5 have begun the task of producing next week's Easter Assembly. Parts have been allocated, so that everyone who wants to be involved has been, and we have been very busy rehearsing our lines and songs! As well as the spring term coming to an end, our current topic, 'Diversity & Life', is also drawing to a close; this week, the children have continued to develop the letters that they planned last week, imagining that they are the main character from 'The Arrival', writing a letter to the family that he left behind. We have spent a lot of time drafting, editing and polishing these letters to make sure that they are the best possible examples of our writing. This week, in Maths, the children have started a short topic on statistics, looking at the various ways to present data (such as line graphs and tables) before working out how to extract useful information from them. We have also been busy learning how to stay safe in PSHE, about different types of reproduction in Science and how to play tennis in PE! Finally, we have completed a series of end of term assessments in Maths and English this week too – it's been another busy one!



Year 6

We have been finishing our unit on Holes this week, with some excellent narrative writing. The children really are demonstrating so many writing skills in each piece of work they complete! In maths. We have been completing our work on 2D and 3D shapes, calculating perimeter and area and volume. Our cushions in DT are looking great! The children have used a variety of stitches to ensure they look the very best and are robust enough. In art, we have been looking at the work of the impressionist painter, Monet, and have created our own versions of his famous water lilies painting. Our SATS preparation continues and the children have had an opportunity to do a couple of past papers, achieving excellent scores!

