

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 great week where our focus has been on spring! We discussed the seasons to remind ourselves what season has just finished and which one is now beginning. We started the week by reading 'That's MY Flower' by Alice Hemming and, with our talk partners, spoke about the different signs of spring that were in the story. We then drew some of these ideas and labelled them, thinking carefully about what sounds are needed. We used our sound mats to help us remember some of the digraphs and trigraphs. In maths, we have been learning about finding number bonds to 10 in 2 and 3 parts, finding and making doubles to 10 and exploring odd and even numbers to 10. In our Busy Bee groups, we played BINGO, used numicon to make 10 in different ways and made numbers to 10 on a Ten frame. On Tuesday, we had a special talk from our school nurse on how to care for our teeth. We learnt lots about the importance of brushing, visiting the dentist and eating and drinking the right things. As part of Understanding of the World, we went on a spring walk around school and in Art, we did monoprinting with some of the spring resources we found on our walk, like flowers, grass and leaves. As part of our Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we learnt about how to manage and deal with big feelings such as frustration and anger. In our Rhyme Time this week, we sang Horsey Horsey; why not ask us to sing it for you? In the provision this week, we have had a farm role play, made tricky word watches, made spring minibooks in the writing area, painted flowers with watercolours, subitised amounts in the maths area, made patterns with beads and engaged with the spring small world.



## Year 1

This week in Year One we have been thinking about the polar regions in our topic 'Far, Far Away'. We began by looking at different climates across our planet and making a map to show various temperature zones. We then learnt about Arctic and Antarctic explorers. Ask us what we found out about Matthew Henson and Robert Peary. It led to some interesting class discussions about whether people should get the same rewards if they do the same thing. We were curious as to how the explorers might have kept warm in the freezing temperatures, so we conducted an experiment in our Science lesson to test different insulators and explore which materials would have been useful. We have continued to go on a 'Journey' in English. Our main character has entered a fascinating world full of castles, towers and waterways. We have used the pictures to practise our skills of listing words in alphabetical order. Our Maths learning has focused on addition within 20. We have used our number bond knowledge to help us with our addition and also practised doubling. There have been plenty of opportunities to explore this further using practical resources in continuous provision. We also began a new DT unit this week, looking at moving parts. We learnt about sliders and levers and how these can be used in moving pictures. We all enjoyed making our own pictures and also seeing where we could spot sliders and levers at work in our classroom!



## Year 2

This week in Year 2, we've been incredibly busy and excited about all the learning we've done! We began by exploring the work of the talented artist Lucy Arnold, who draws inspiration from the world around her, particularly nature and minibeasts. Through an engaging artist study, we learned all about her style and techniques. The children had great discussions, sharing their thoughts and opinions on her artwork. Afterwards, we channelled our creativity and made our own pieces inspired by Lucy Arnold's beautiful piece "Tropical Wings." In English, we began a new non-fiction unit. We started by sorting fiction and non-fiction books and revisiting key vocabulary, such as "glossary" and "blurb." We also explored the features of a non-chronological report, including subheadings and bullet points. A highlight of the week was a lesson on note-taking, where we practiced gathering key facts from both videos and books. The children were amazing, impressing us with their knowledge of minibeasts and sharing some fascinating facts! In Maths, we wrapped up our unit on money and tackled some tricky number bonds to 100. Please ask us subtraction questions like  $100 - 35$ , and we'll show you how we can count back using tens and ones. We're now starting a new unit on measurement, and this week we practiced measuring in metres and centimetres.



## Year 3

Having learnt lots of about how the Ancient Egyptians lived thousands of years ago, it has been very exciting this week to learn about a discovery a little closer in time. Our English work has seen us reading "The Story of Tutankhamun" an illustrated non-fiction text which taught us about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In our topic lessons, we have also been churning our stomachs by learning about how the Egyptians treated the dead and the mummification process they used. Once we had settled our tummies back down again, we continued our French lessons on a food theme by learning how to name and order different ice cream flavours. Why not ask us which ones we can remember? To burn off the ice cream, we have been busy with our PE lessons too, choreographing our own Egyptian dances and developing basketball skills.



## Year 4

We have had a delicious time in Year 4 this week!

On Monday the children enjoyed a Greek feast-trying a wonderful range of different Greek foods and giving them their score out of 10. We were delighted to see so many children trying some foods for the first time and liking them! The children have designed their own flavour of flatbread – choosing what toppings they want to add and what flavours they wanted to mix into the dough. On Wednesday 4SC made their delicious flatbreads and enjoyed eating them at their own Greek tea party and on today 4LB have been making and enjoying their own flatbread feast! Please ask us about their flatbread design and flavours. We have started an English unit of work on Greek myths starting with; *The twelve labours of Heracles* which is full of mythical beasts and super strength! In maths we have been learning all about what makes a mixed number in fractions – please ask us to explain it to us! We have had a wonderful second session in Forest school this week – don't forget your forest school kit for next Tuesday! We look forward to seeing 4LB's parents and carers at our assembly next Friday!



## Year 5

It has been another busy and varied week in Year 5; our core text, *The Arrival*, has provided the inspiration for several pieces of learning: In English, the children have begun to draft letters from the main character to his family back at home, describing his journey and the strange, unfamiliar land that he has found himself in. Because *The Arrival* is a graphic novel, it has also enabled us to practise our art skills by sketching modes of transport in the characteristic style of the author and illustrator, Shaun Tan. Migration was also the theme of our work in PSHE this week, as we researched data about immigration into the UK (going as far back at 2400 BC!) and comparing that to the data for other countries around the world. We have also started our learning about Islam, understanding the importance of the Five Pillars to Muslims and also researching the history of the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking, ahead of our visit in May. In Music, Mrs Peers led a particularly energetic afternoon, introducing the children to their focus song for the next few weeks, Will Smith's *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* and identified key features of rap and hip-hop. She has also been helping 5SF to perfect the songs for their class assembly today – we hope that you enjoyed the show!



## Year 6

What an exciting end to the week! The children were treated to a variety of fascinating experiments and demonstrations today as part of the 'Wonderful World of Gases' demonstrations provided by some visiting scientists organised through Mrs. Smither - so a big thank you to her and the team from BOC Ltd. Also this week, we have been designing our cushions as part of DT and have made use of IT to create the designs and the patterns ready for marking and cutting the fabric to size. In maths, we have continued through the area and perimeter unit, looking at the relationship between rectangles and triangles. We have continued our weekly tennis sessions over at the club in PE. In English, we are nearing the end of 'Holes' and have been creating TripAdvisor-style reviews of our stay at Camp Green Lake - no surprises that the reviews are varied for sure and some are very harsh!

