

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.

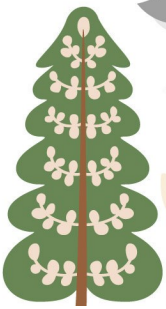
Reception Happy New Year! Reception have had a very busy first week back to kick start Spring 1 and have done a superb job with all their learning! On Monday, we discussed what our favourite present was that we received for Christmas and had a go at drawing a picture and writing a sentence. We thought carefully about what a sentence needs and tried hard with our sounds and letter formation.

In Maths, we learnt about numbers 0-5; how to find 0-5, subitising 0-5 and representing 0-5. We enjoyed playing a feely bag game where we had to think about what number an object could represent, such as a toy tiger could show 2 (2 ears), 4 (4 legs), 1 (1 animal) etc. We discussed this with our talk partners. As part of Topic, we recapped the 4 seasons and learnt about the different signs of winter. We then read 'One Snowy Night' and spoke about how we know the story is set during the winter. On Thursday, we did French where we revisited the colours in French to refresh our memories and played some different games. We then took a trip to the Library and enjoyed reading with our friends and choosing a book to take home. We did Gymnastics in PE and worked well with our partners to warm up our bodies and practise our stretches and balancing. Some of our classroom activities this week have included colour mixing paint with cling film, painting ice cubes with water colours outside, making snowflakes with coloured paper, identifying and matching 2D shapes, engaging with a winter scene small world area and making winter tree art with outdoor natural resources.



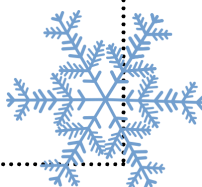
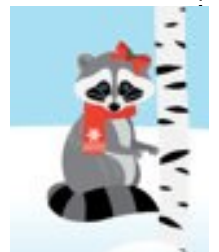
Year 1

Year One have made a very positive start to the term and it has been lovely to see them all engaged in their learning again. The week started with a new reading book—the children enjoyed spotting some of their new alternative graphemes in the text! In Geography, we learnt about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities, as we begin our new topic 'Far, Far Away!' We were able to remember the position of the different countries and practised this with a jigsaw! Our PSHE focus has been exercise and we have considered why it is good to keep fit and healthy. In English, we started a new text, 'Beegu'. We looked closely at the pictures in the book, predicting what the character, Beegu, might be like and what could have happened before the story started. We also tried to put ourselves in Beegu's shoes and think about how we would be feeling. We recapped counting on in Maths and solved some addition problems using part-part whole models. We then moved on to begin learning about how to subtract effectively using part-part whole models and First, Then and Now stories. Ask us if we can show you our super subtraction skills at home!



Year 2

What a brilliant first week back we have had! Our topic this term is called *Living, Dead, and Never Alive*, and we kicked it off by going on a hunt around the school grounds to find examples of these three categories. Tuesday morning was particularly exciting when we became detectives after discovering some suspicious dinosaur-like footprints on the KS2 playground. We quickly returned back to class, researched different dinosaurs and wrote letters to Mr. Wright to share which type of dinosaur we thought had visited and why. In English, we began reading our new text 'The Secret Dinosaur'. We've made intriguing predictions, answered VIPERS questions, learned new vocabulary and reviewed the four different types of sentences. In Maths, we've been enjoying our new unit on multiplication and division. We started by exploring the meaning of the multiplication symbol and learning how equal groups and arrays help us understand and solve problems. In PSHE, we've had great discussions about how to be responsible and safe in different situations and in Art, our creativity shone when painting dinosaur silhouettes, focusing on blending and creating smooth transitions between colours.

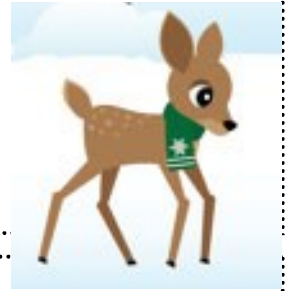




Pirbright's Learning Week

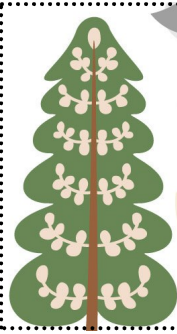
Year 3

Welcome back Year 3! We hope you had a wonderful and fun-filled Christmas. The children have made a great start to the new year, throwing themselves into our new topic of Ancient Egypt. So far the children have explored the tunnels inside an ancient pyramid, sketched some artefacts from an Egyptian tomb and learned about the chronology of this time period, including how it compares with the Stone Age we learnt about last term. Our English work links to this topic as we have watched a short visual text about an archaeologist who discovers a way to enter the pyramids. Although the film clip has no words, we are hoping to use our wonderful word skills to write an accompanying narrative. This week we focused on hooking the reader in with an exciting story opening and using well chosen present tense verbs, -ing words, which ties in nicely with this week's spellings– see what we did there! In Maths, the children have continued where we left off before the break, looking at multiplication and division. We have also been developing our fluency of our doubles facts as a daily Number Sense activity. Why not ask your child to recall their doubles facts up to ten for you while they get their shoes on each morning?



Year 4

What a fun start to 2025! We hope you all had a restful break – Year 4 have definitely come back raring to go! This week saw us jump head first into our new topic for the half term, 'Are all animals the same?'. We started the week looking at animals scientifically by grouping and classifying them using Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and flow charts. We also recapped the meaning of vertebrae and the 5 different groups that fall under this category and their features. Why don't you ask us what we know about classifying animals? In English, we started our new text 'Krinklekrax' and we have enjoyed it so far! We've used information from the text to draw characters, answered comprehension questions, written character descriptions as well as tackled some grammar points such as homophones and common words. Maths this week has seen us continue to work on our times tables, introducing the 6x in our daily Number Sense sessions and the 7x, 11x and 12x in our maths sessions! Not only have we been working hard in these subjects, we also managed to squeeze in our first football skills lesson, continue developing our coding skills and thinking about the qualities of a good leader in RE. Phew, what a week!



Year 5

Welcome back to the new Spring Term; this is always a busy term with lots of learning activities to fit in to a few short weeks! We have had an excellent start, as we launched our new topic, 'Journey Around the World', which is based on one of our favourite Year 5 books: 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We looked at what makes an effective story starter as we read the opening paragraph to many different children's books, and also the opening chapters to 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We then planned a balanced argument to debate whether Michael and his parents should make the journey. On Thursday, we began to research and design dreamcatchers in DT, which we will be making soon. In Maths, we have started a new series of lessons on multiplication and division. We began by revising written calculation strategies before trying to apply those skills to some very challenging word problems. Despite the wintry weather, we have also managed to complete a couple of PE sessions this week: we started with rugby on Monday, developing our ball-handling skills, before Ms Jackson sensibly chose to use the indoor hall for a gymnastics lesson on Tuesday!



Year 6

The children have thrown themselves back into their learning this week after the Christmas break. We have investigated the features of autobiographies and it has been very entertaining to hear about memorable events in their lives! We have also started work on biographical writing which will continue next week. In maths, our work has been based around conversions of measures and in our topic (Marvellous Me!), we have explored the work of famous artists, appraising well-known pieces of art. In music, we started our new topic, 'A New Year Carol' by Benjamin Britten. It was written in 1934 and so is a very different style of music to what the children are used to. We identified some features of the music and looked at the rhythms used repeatedly in the melody before taking the rhythms and composing our own melodies.

