

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 Reception have been reading the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and learning about families. We began by reading the story and learning some new vocabulary as part of our Drawing Club. We learnt what wonder, return, huddled, comfort and perched meant and gave each word an action to help us remember. In Phonics, we have learnt the sound g, o, c and k and tried hard with forming them correctly. Linking to our learning on families and how we have grown, we looked at all our baby photos and had a fun time trying to guess who was who! We read the story 'Once There Were Giants' and discussed how we have changed since we were a baby. In maths, we have been learning about some new key words including bigger, smaller, taller and shorter. We compared size and mass using practical objects and weighing scales in our Busy Bee groups. We also compared different lengths of string and made Play Doh worms that were longer and shorter. In Art, we drew our families and thought carefully about who had to be drawn smaller and taller and made sure we included the correct features. Some of our provision activities have included comparing capacity using lentils and containers, following patterns using tweezers and small objects such as buttons and pasta and colour mixing outside with pipettes and coloured water.



## Year 1

Another week completed in Year One and it has been busy! In English, we enjoyed reading the traditional tale, 'The Three Little Pigs'. We focused on becoming really familiar with the characters and story by sequencing the events and by making our own stick puppets and acting out the story. We have also been practising how to form our capital letters correctly. In Maths, we used different resources, such as multi-link, tens frames and counters, to practically explore the concepts of one more and one less than a given number and comparing by matching. We then consolidated our skills within our continuous provision. We have continued to look at different styles of portraits in Art, exploring the work of Henri Matisse and creating self-portraits using different line techniques. The children enjoyed our Friday afternoon carousel, spending time discussing the topic of 'Special Books' in RE, developing their Music skills with a focus on rhythms, and reflecting on our PSHEE topic about how we can play together kindly and safely in the playground. Let us show you all of the different styles of lines that we practised in Art this week!



## Year 2

This week, we travelled back to India for one last adventure. We created our own mehndi patterns and wrapped up the journey with an exciting afternoon of food tasting! We sampled a variety of flavours and textures, carefully describing each one before giving it a score out of ten. Meanwhile, the wonderful Mrs Steel and Mrs Parsons have been cooking up a storm! They've been working with small groups at a time to follow the chapati recipes we wrote in English last week. The result? Delicious, homemade chapatis that were enjoyed by all/most! Later in the week we came to the end of our class text and described the different weather in England and places that Grandpa Chatterji wanted to visit during his next stay in the UK. We made our writing more descriptive by using adventurous vocabulary and expanded noun phrases. We began our week by starting our new addition and subtraction unit in Maths, revisiting number bonds to 10, 20, and 100. From there, we moved on to number families, discovering how every number sentence comes with two addition sentences and two subtraction sentences. We can't wait for more fun as we take off for Australia on Monday!



# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

This week we have been continuing our work on our English text, Stone Age Boy. We learnt to write descriptive sentences, including expanded noun phrases, to help introduce the different settings for the readers. We are excited to be able to use these writing skills in our own story writing next week. Our Maths work has seen us working with three digit numbers, adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s within and across the boundaries. We have used a range of pictorial methods to help us solve these problems and tried to spot patterns in our workings which might help us too. Our topic work saw us looking at the types of homes early people might have lived in. We learnt how the location, structure and design of shelters changed over time and how we can use discoveries such as Skara Brae to help us learn about them. Just like the Stone Age people, this week we also took the time to really get to know our rocks! We looked at real life examples and created a comic strip to explain how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed. Why not ask us to explain them to you and see if we can recall these very tricky scientific words?



## Year 4

Every week is a busy week here in Year 4 and this week has been no exception. We have consolidated our place value knowledge by placing thousands on number lines, estimating on number lines, comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000! Why don't you give us some 4 digit numbers to put into ascending and descending order? We are really enjoying our text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' in English. We've read chapter 2 and 3 this week, focusing on speech punctuation, character descriptions using inference from the text and used our creative skills to make an advertisement for Rambashi's Jungle Grill.



They look fabulous! In Geography, we used our knowledge of the continents and layers of the earth to look at the tectonic plates. Why don't you ask us what these are and about how the world looked mil-

lions of years ago? Year 4 has also been about all things Harvest this week in preparation for our assembly on Friday. We have created art, practised our songs and learnt our lines. Phew, a busy week!



## Year 5

This week, year 5 have had another excellent week of learning. We have continued to write our non-chronological reports about the planet Pandora, focusing on the environment and the creatures who love there, using factual and scientific language. We also practised utilising different elements of SPaG to make our writing more interesting, in particular: fronted adverbials and semi-colons. In RE, we continued to learn what Christians believe about Creation, and had some thoughtful discussions around the role that Adam and Eve played, how their decisions would have made God feel and the relevance to the way we all treat the natural world today. In Computing, we are approaching the end of our topic on E-Safety and the children have had a go at creating a fictional character who gets themselves into a dangerous situation online, before making some good decisions in order to keep themselves safe. Our Science work this week has seen the children thinking about the impact that the Earth's slight tilt has on creating the seasons.



## Year 6

It has been another busy week in Year 6 as we have continued with our WW2 topic, covering the events of Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain and the Blitz - all in 5 days! We watched so many informative videos and listened to a range of sound clips which really helped us to learn more and imagine what this awful time may have been like for those who lived through it. Creating model Spitfire planes was a highlight alongside some very messy charcoal artwork we did towards the end of the week. In Maths, we have been having a go at some past SATs papers to get a real feel for the types of questions we are unsure of and timings - they certainly put our knowledge to the test and will give us a great basis for group work moving forward. In English, we have continued our reading of Letters from the Lighthouse, which we continue to enjoy. We have written 1<sup>st</sup> person accounts from the perspective of a pilot, summarised chapters using a storyboard and worked collaboratively to write a diary entry. On Wednesday, Miss Casey accompanied our newly appointed team captains for Guildford Spectrum where they completed their sports crew training and learnt how to be leaders and run small games to groups of children. Watch this space...

