

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 an exciting week settling in school and have done a superb job at remembering all our routines! We began our day with our Morning Challenge where we read books, experimented with Play-Doh, built LEGO houses and much more. We enjoyed Choosing Time where we made new friends and explored some new activities, such as made patterns and following wavy lines with foam nuggets in our Funky Fingers Area, matched numbers to lolly sticks in the Maths Area and built towers in our Construction Area. We also have a Doctors Surgery role play, it was lots of fun pretending to be doctors and patients and learning what different tools do, such as a stethoscope. At Playtime, we explored the trim trail and climbing frame area and learnt how to stay safe. In phonics, we have played some games including Simon Says and guessing what's in the special box by listening carefully to the sounds we heard.

We played lots of games during our Circle Time and enjoyed reading a story at the end of the day. What a busy and exciting week!



Year 1

It has been another busy week in Year 1! We have enjoyed getting to grips with Maths, using practical items, such as 3D shapes and natural resources, to explore sorting before moving onto counting and representing numbers. Our topic, 'Earth, Wind & Fire', led us to read "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers, a great book which entertains as well as teaches us about some Science and PSHE topics. This week we thought about what makes us individuals and how we are unique. We used playdough to create faces by rolling, squeezing, pinching and cutting playdough. We also had a go at drawing our own self-portraits, choosing appropriate shapes and colours. In our PE lessons, we learnt some new techniques in gymnastics and practised under-arm throwing, working on stepping forward and looking at our target. We are also working really hard to get changed independently! We have had lots of fun in our Continuous Provision activities, practising our letter and number formation using chalks and sand and creating our faces out of natural resources too. We ended the week by getting into our house teams for the House Captain elections. Ask us what 'unique' means and how we think we are unique.



Year 2

Year 2 are now fully in the swing of whole class learning and have enjoyed continuing our topic of "Passports to the World." Our adventure began this week with a journey to India, where we explored various Indian artefacts and wrote questions which we're eager to find the answers to throughout the unit. During our Geography lessons, we also took part in a fact hunt outdoors and learnt about symmetry when drawing the Taj Mahal. Our dance unit brought traditional Indian moves to life and in Phonics we continued to review alternative pronunciations and spellings each day. In maths, we've been working with tens and ones to accurately place numbers on number lines, mastering counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, and comparing two-digit numbers using less than, more than, and equals symbols. In English, we continued reading "Grandpa Chatterji" by Jamila Gavin. We kicked off the week by answering comprehension questions, refreshed our understanding of nouns, adjectives and verbs and applied all the knowledge we learnt about India this week to write setting descriptions in the form of postcards from New Delhi. Please ask us about nouns, adjectives, and verbs and see if we can provide examples!



Year 3

Year 3 began the week in a very sporty way– swimming lessons at the Spectrum followed by football on the field. I bet they slept well that night! In Maths we have been putting our place value skills to good use by looking at numbers to 1000. We can now show these 3 digit numbers in lots of different ways– why don't you ask us to show you a few? In English we have been reading 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' but to be perfectly honest, we think our Year 3 writers can do even better! So, we have perfected our imperative verbs, collected some noun phrases and found out where we stand with prepositions before putting them all together in a much-improved set of humorous instructions. We have used our computing skills to create word documents with different fonts and colours as well as carrying out some historical research to help us in our Stone Age topic. This week we particularly enjoyed getting our creative juices flowing in the Music Suite as we learned to play the glockenspiel and even had the chance to perform to the class.



Year 4

It's been another lovely week here in Year 4, the sun shining has definitely helped! In maths this week, we have continued to focus on place value, especially thousands. We have looked at how we can represent numbers to 10,000 as well as how we can partition them in different ways. This has really secured our understanding of the digits and value of these numbers. The world of Cracking Contraptions has not stopped here this week. Monday saw us design our own machine to help us tidy our bedrooms and we used our knowledge of explanation texts to write our very own!



Why don't you ask us all about our contraption? We have become so knowledgeable about electricity over the past couple of weeks, we have been able to use our knowledge to create steady hand games for Y3 to enjoy. We combined our simple circuits, switch making abilities and DT skills to make them fun and engaging. Amongst all of that, we also found time to explore Sikhism for the first time in RE, Rugby with Ms Jackson as well as the well anticipated House Captain Elections!



Year 5

We have had a busy week in Year 5 this week! In Maths we continued to look at place value, considering numbers up to a million. Our topic is continuing at a fast pace: we looked at the artistic techniques of Peter Thorpe, and had a go at recreating elements of his work using pastels, pencils and paint. We then produced our own pieces in his style. In English, we continued to follow Liam's adventures in the novel *Cosmic*, and applied our learning of speech punctuation to use dialogue to advance the action in our writing. We have started our computing lessons too, looking at learning the importance of online safety. In DT we looked at gears, in preparation for designing and building our own moving vehicles. Talking about creating things, our learning in RE has been all about the Christian view of Creation; we linked this concept to the things that we have created ourselves, how we feel when we create things and how we might feel in other people did not take care of our creations. What has your child created this week that made them most proud?



Year 6

It was great to see so many parents on Monday at our 'Meet the Team' talk. In class this week we have created a new character to interact with Olive and Cliff in Letters from the Lighthouse. We demonstrated our dialogue writing skills. Ask your child about their character! We also examined the harsh realities of life for Jewish people and minorities in Nazi Germany during the 1930s. We are very proud of the quality of the propaganda posters we have designed and learnt about the important role they played during the war. In PE we have been working on our football skills and will be applying them to small-sided games over the next few sessions. On Thursday, the children took part in Team Captain elections and we were very impressed by the quality and creativity of their speeches and presentations!

