

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 been working hard this week! Our theme has been Pets where we have discussed what pets we have at home, our favourite pets and how to care for different pets. In our role play area, we have had a Pet Grooming Service where we have used our imagination to give animals a bath and fur cut to make them beautifully clean! In maths, we have been learning about Position and Direction. We learnt key words such as 'in between', 'next to', 'above', 'below' and 'in front of'. We explored maps by discussing what was next to, behind, in front of, above and behind specific things on the map. In our Busy Bee groups, we used animals to follow positional language instructions, made a small world area and discussed how the position of animals change when we move to look at it from a different view. We also made an obstacle course and drew a map of it! We have enjoyed playing a variety of phonics games including BINGO with phase 4 words and doing a tricky word hunt around the classroom. In our provision this week, we have had a sensory tray involving beans, lentils and rice, completed a tricky word woodland hunt, made food and drink for animals in the mud kitchen, perfected our tennis skills outdoors, made pirate maps, made animal patterns and had a go at completing repeated patterns using finger painting, cubes or counters. We also super proud of how well we did at the Summer Concert and are ready for a well-earned restful weekend!



## Year 1

Wow! What a fabulous Summer Concert it was last night! Year 1 made us very proud with their rendition of 'When I grow up', remembering the lyrics and actions and performing beautifully. Well done to everyone involved. Elsewhere in the week, between rehearsals, we have been continuing to read our class text, 'The Boy who grew Dragons'. As we are now dragon experts, we put all we have learnt into a non-chronological report, all about Dragons. The children remembered the key features of reports, including a clear title, suitable subheadings and important facts. We answered questions such as, 'What do dragons look like?', 'What do dragons eat?' and 'Where do dragons live?'. The teachers definitely learnt a lot from reading them – we look forward to sharing them with you at our celebration afternoon. In Maths, we began working with numbers up to 100 and learning how to use a number square effectively. We practised counting forwards and backwards and recognising multiples of 10. As part of our Nurturing Nature topic, we learnt how to draw different flowers and used different art resources to colour these, showing different textures. Finally, in Science, we continued to monitor and care for our cress, recording its progress in our Cress diary. Ask us what our cress plant needed to grow!



## Year 2

This week in Topic we learnt that Victorian seaside souvenirs looked very different to lots of the souvenirs you would find at the beach today! We then created our own cups and plates with seaside patterns and painted pictures such as donkeys and bathing machines. We also showed creativity this week when finally bringing our William Morris plans to life! We sketched floral patterns into our foam boards and painted them. After this, we used rollers to print our pictures onto paper and repeated this process to create a pattern, just like the wallpaper designed by William Morris! Earlier in the week, we spent some time with Year 3 in our new classrooms, learning about key stage two and Year 3's topics. In Maths we used the knowledge we learnt last week about quarter, half and three quarter turns to create patterns using shapes. Alongside this, we have been logging into times table rock stars, earning coins as we answer 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. In English we have written another poem based on Celia Warren's poem called Seaside Fun. We thought of the craziest things we would love to do at the seaside and wrote interesting and entertaining poems including these ideas. This week also saw us learn what an email is and how to send one. We emailed our classmates and different fictional characters using Purple Mash and enjoyed replying and attaching pictures. We ended the week with a bang! The Summer concert was amazing and we are so incredibly proud of all the children! This year has been fantastic and we are so grateful that we got to teach such hardworking and enthusiastic children! Thank you!



## Year 3

The Summer term really is a race to the end and it feels like we packed so much into the penultimate week! Monday saw the children support the current Year 2's transition into Key stage 2 for the second time, firstly showing them all they need to know about the KS2 playground and secondly showing them 'a day in the life of a Year 3 learner'. Our Year 3s were so mature and responsible and hopefully made the Year 2s feel much more confident about their exciting move into Year 3. We have also been busy reflecting on our year of art work. Mrs Dow and Miss Leppard are decorating the Art Suite to make it come alive by filling it with art work from around the school. We chose some of our favourite pieces and recreated them, improving and developing our skills from last time, ready for them to be framed. It was quite an eye opening activity to see how much we've done this year and how much the children have enjoyed our art topics in particular. They certainly are a creative bunch! In amongst all that, we

have also squeezed in some lessons on time, working out durations of time, converting seconds into minutes and measuring time in terms of days and hours. And just when you think that's all we could fit into a week at Pirbright, we added plenty of singing (and dancing) practise for what was a truly amazing night on Thursday at the Summer Concert. Yet again, this year group came alive on the stage; every single one of them putting their all into making sure they were singing and having a great time. Their smiles said it all and we teachers can't express enough what a delight it's been preparing and then watching them perform.



## Year 4

The classrooms have been filled with the sound of Queen this week as rehearsals have been in full swing for Thursday's Summer Concert. Their practising paid off and the children did us and you proud! We loved seeing the array of 70s rock 'n' roll costumes! This week also saw us finish our newspaper reports on the death of Romeo and Juliet and begin researching and planning for our Roman non-chronological reports to end the topic. In Maths, we finished our very short unit of statistics, by looking at interpreting data on a range of graphs and drawing our own line graphs to represent continuous data. On Monday afternoon, we looked at Roman soldiers and the qualities and equipment they needed to be successful. We reminded ourselves of the important army formations and the benefits of being a part of the Roman army. Wednesday saw our final tennis session with Michael from the Pirbright tennis club. We have all really enjoyed these sessions and have learnt more and improved our skills. Next week sees the final week of Year 4... can you believe it? As well as our turn on the water slide!



## Year 5

Year 5 have had a hectic week which ended in a fabulous summer concert. Well done to all who took part - the Eye of the Tiger was amazing and we were very proud of you! In Maths, we ended our unit on conversions of measure and began learning about volume. Our topic work has continued with our reading of The Highway Man where we began by looking at clues which enabled us to make inferences about the plot. We wrote some lovely descriptions of the setting and main character as well as learning stanzas of the poem for some whole class performance and hot seating characters. We tapped into our creative sides this week and created some beautiful Pirbright landscapes in the style of Monet after exploring his artistic techniques using paint - the end result was perfect! We also finished off our clay figureheads by painting them but we certainly found being gentle and not breaking them challenging! Next week we are really looking forward to the waterslide, on Monday and some fantastic art projects throughout the week. There may also be some end of year treats coming their way!



## Year 6

We've had a great week - despite the weather - and spent time preparing for the summer concert. Many of the Year 6 children were involved in the organisation and contributed to setting up the stage and resources. There was also a group of the children who practised and perfected their lines as compares for the performances. Back in the classroom, we have been completing our Mayan projects and have been studying life for children in South America, comparing their lives to ours. We also spent time sharing the brilliant river topics the children have completed over the last few weeks. These really were delightfully varied, individual and creative. Well done everyone! We ended our week with fun on the waterslide and are looking forward to all the activities planned for our last week of primary school!

