

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

What a busy week we have had in Reception! We started the week with phonics and reading where our focus this week has been on words ending with -s, -es and longer words. We have been showing off our fantastic writing skills this week by writing Thank You cards to ZooLab where we found a photo of ourselves with an animal and wrote inside what our favourite animal was that we saw or held. Some of us really challenged ourselves by writing why it was our favourite! In maths this week we have been playing some recapping games on number bonds to 5, the composition of 7 and the composition of 8. In Choosing Time, we have had a Zoo roleplay where we have had a great time cutting out and wearing animal masks and writing out admission tickets and animal sentences, balanced bears on lolly sticks in the fine motor area and used tweezers to move pom poms into holes. In our workshop, we have been making paper animals (which look very cute!) and in the water tray outside, we have used pipe cleaners to make bubble wands! In the phonics area, we have had a tricky word carpark and in the art area, we have painted giraffes and used our fingers to paint delicate brown dots. We also had some exciting sessions meeting our new teacher which was so much fun! We even got to go and play in the Year 1 area on Wednesday which we loved exploring! We ended the week by being Sports Super Stars and doing a super job with our Sports Day races! Some of us were a little nervous at first but we persevered and all showed fantastic skills. Well done Reception!



Year 1

It has been non-stop in Year One this week! In English, we continued reading our new text, 'The Boy who grew Dragons', keeping us entertained with stories of baby dragons causing havoc and lots of exploding dragon poo! We wrote letters back to the author, Andy Shepherd this week to tell her our favourite part of the story so far and ask her any questions we have. In Maths, we continued our learning all about fractions! We started the week by finding a quarter of a shape and completed different activities to show our understanding, including cutting shapes into quarters and recognising if shapes were showing half or quarters and sorting them accordingly. We then went on to learn how to split quantities into quarters by sharing amounts between four groups. In Science, we learnt all about the different parts of a tree and compared this to the different parts of a human body and their functions. In Forest School, we continued immersing ourselves in nature, with some children creating nature mobiles using leaves, others making bark rubbings and some creating observational drawings of flowers. We learnt how to whittle sticks safely, using a potato peeler and some children even made some stick people and animals. Of course, this week brought all the excitement of Move up sessions – the sessions were full of laughter and excitement. This is the start of our transition work and we will be completing lots of activities to ensure the move to Year 2 is as smooth as possible for the children. Year 1 have begun their Reflect, Rewind and Replay topic where they look back over the year's previous learning and build on this knowledge. In Music the children identified instruments within a popular rap song, they then composed a melody using the notes B, A and G and also learnt about the musical term, Pulse. A great lesson! We ended the week with Sports Day and Family Lunch – the children demonstrated many of the Pirbright Values in their different events and we were very proud of their efforts. We wish you a lovely weekend.



Year 2

What a busy week we have all had! It started calmly with a normal day in the classrooms on Monday. We started a new English unit: Postcards from Crabby Spit and a new unit in Maths: Statistics. In English, the children listened to the story and drew the beach scene described, using their inference skills, wrote sentences using commas in a list and recapped plurals and suffixes. In Maths, they learnt how to collect data to make tally charts, block charts and pictograms. This learning was also used in Geography where they collected data about local beaches. In between all of this, the children met their new teachers and classes on Tuesday and Thursday! These were such exciting moments and while change is always a bundle of emotions, the children came back so happy and we know they will have the best time in Year 3. On Wednesday and Thursday, the children made Victorian peg dolls and of course another highlight this week was... Sports day! It is always such a fun experience and the children demonstrated all their Pirbright vales both on and off the field.



Year 3

There has been lots of excitement this week as the children went to their new classrooms and met their new teacher. They absolutely shone as Year 4s and we, as teachers, are so excited for their next step of the journey. Each class has also learnt the next step in being able to play the ukulele, learning how to pinch their index finger and thumb together to be able to strum the strings. We then looked at how to strum a C chord by putting our third finger on the third fret. In math's, we have concluded our shape unit, looking at properties of 3D shapes and then using nets to make our own. In English, the children have worked incredibly hard to edit their own story based on 'The Promise' and then writing it in best, drawing their own pictures to go with their story. The work produced has been outstanding and has really shown how far the children have come in Year 3. We also started to make our own scrap books later on in the week, designing our own front covers inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, ready to fill with some amazing natural art. To cap off a very busy week, Friday saw the children take part in sports day. This gave a chance for the children to show off their sportsmanship as well as sporting abilities and was a wonderful way to finish the week.



Year 4

It's been another great week here in Year 4, with lots of different things going on! Firstly, we have been so proud of the children's resilience this week. We have put them through their paces and they have completed some special booklets to show off all of their fabulous Year 4 learning. However, this week has also been full of fun! In English, we finished writing our recounts from Elvis and then On Tuesday, we were joined by the lovely Jemima from the Guildford Shakespeare Company, who led a 2-hour workshop about Romeo and Juliet. It was interactive and we were introduced to all of the characters and now have a full understanding of the story to kick off our new English unit. Why don't you ask us to retell the story to you? If that wasn't enough fun this week, we also had another tennis session on Wednesday as well as some practise for Sports Day next week! We managed to squeeze in some more history this week and looked at Roman towns, designed our own with the key features and also some of the significant achievements of the Romans whilst they were in Britain, some of them we still use and help us today! The week ended with us completing some sketching of the Roman Colosseum and a wonderful learning look. Phew!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a jam packed week as we have continued our 'Raiders and Invaders' learning alongside the fun of class mix-ups, sports day and family lunch! In English, we have been focusing on non-chronological reports (concentrating hard on our year 5 writing wishlist) writing various sections about the Anglo-Saxons, based on the knowledge we have gathered throughout our topic so far, especially our learning through artefacts and specifically the Sutton Hoo discovery. As well as this, we also used our knowledge about Anglo-Saxon villages and how their features; our understanding of the ruling hierarchy and laws of the time, and our knowledge of Anglo-Saxon beliefs. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on decimals with some subtracting, adding, sequences and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In French, we completed our unit on 'Les vêtements' and have now started 'Les jeux olympiques'. Finally, in spite of the hectic nature of a week containing class move up as well as sports day, 5DC still found time to practise their assembly and performed it on Thursday. What an amazing show they put on—well done!



Year 6

This week was back to reality after a wonderful week away in Somerset! Although we were all sad the trip was over, it felt good to get back to school and get stuck into some learning. In Geography, the children have been revising their knowledge of world geography, including learning about the tropics, hemispheres, latitude and longitude, as well as oceans and continents. In English, we have now begun our final unit: Macbeth. The children have begun to form an understanding of the general plot points of the play, but have mainly been focusing on the opening battle scene, where they have written a description of the clash between the Scots and the Norwegians. The other big project this week has been their ongoing work on 'Theme Park Maths'. Having finished designing their parks, this week the children have been busy determining tickets prices and working out the potential revenue streams from shops, cafes and snack kiosks. The next stage in this task will be to take costs into account, before making profit or loss projections for the year and making decisions about how to invest those returns. The highlight of the week was Sports Day! The children demonstrated all of their Pirbright Values, and were excellent role models during the KS1 races too.

