

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 a fantastic and busy week! Our new topic this half term is called Animal Kingdom where we are excited to begin learning about wild animals found in different parts of the world, not just the UK. We began the week with our class photos where we made sure we looked super smart and with big smiles! We read the story 'Handa's Surprise' where we enjoyed discussing the story and learning a little bit about the animals that appeared in the story. We discussed how the story is set in a country called Kenya which is part of the continent of Africa. We spoke about how this country has similarities and differences to our country in terms of animals, landscape, homes, weather etc. We enjoyed the story and extended our interest into our Choosing Time activities where we used paint and toilet rolls to make an African Elephant, helped animals escape from elastic bands and used tweezers to rescue them too, had a wild animal small world set up and used toothbrushes and bubbles to give the wild animals a bath outside! In maths this week we have learnt all about Sharing and Grouping. We practically had a go at sharing items to see which numbers we can equally share between a certain number of children and which numbers cannot be equally shared. In our Busy Bee groups, we practised sharing, went on a nature walk outside to make equal groups of objects, matched number representations to 20 and used cubes to help us recognise grouping. We ended the week with RGD's fabulous assembly which we are incredibly proud of!



## Year 1

Year One have had a great start to Summer 2! We began the week with English where we were introduced to our new book called 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'. It is our first chapter book we're reading so we are very excited! We discussed the front cover and made predictions on what we think the book will be about. We then listened to sentences that were read out by our teacher and had a go at writing them from memory. We then used a purple polishing pen to edit and improve our work. We also had fun thinking of all the things we would grow in our gardens if we could grow anything we liked! In Maths, we continued practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, both practically and using pictorial representations. We also explored doubles with practical resources and thought of fun ways to remember each one. In Science, we learnt more about what features reptiles and fish have. This is helping us to classify animals better. Thursday was our first Forest School session and we were super excited to explore the area! We played a team game to get us used to the boundary of Forest school and considered ways of keeping ourselves safe. Then, we got stuck in! Some were creating mud pies while others were bug hunting using pooters and magnifying glasses; some were building dens using sticks from our stick library while others got creative using wool and sticks to create stick people. We also started to learn some French, learning how to pronounce some Jungle animals names in French and practised these with a song! Ask us if we can remember any of the key vocabulary we learnt. As if we weren't busy enough, we were lucky enough to enjoy Pirbright has Talent on Thursday afternoon. We were especially proud of our Year One performers—you smashed it!



## Year 2

Wow, this week has zoomed by and it is crazy to think we only have six weeks left! We began the week by telling the time to the four quarters and then discussed the five minute intervals past the hour. We enjoyed playing games and matching clocks to consolidate our understanding of this. Next week we will be learning about the five minute intervals to the hour. In English we wrote the story to our wordless video clip 'Something Fishy' and we challenged ourselves to use a variety of conjunctions, adjectives and sentence starters. After learning about Florence Nightingale before half term, we learnt about Mary Seacole in Topic this week and discussed the similarities and comparisons between them. We showed great curiosity, asking insightful questions as we learnt all about the impact they had as nurses. A highlight of the week was Pirbright Has Talent, where some of the year group performed their talents to the school! We were bursting with pride! In PE this week we have been developing our athletics skills ready for Sports Day and learning how to hold rackets correctly, hitting a ball in the air with increasing control. We ended the week learning more about what a Victorian Seaside looked like, labelling pictures and discussing the differences. We then created colourful posters to persuade people to visit a Victorian beach, inviting them to watch a Punch and Jude show, walk along the promenade and ride a donkey!





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

Welcome back Year 3! It has been lovely listening to the children's stories about their half term adventures and that the children have come back excited for the last half term in Year 3! We can't believe how quickly the year has gone! In maths this week, our focus has moved to shape and space. The children have been learning about angles, turns, right angles, comparing angles and drawing accurately with a ruler. In English we have continued linking our learning to the book 'The Promise'. After recapping the story, the children created detailed plans for their own stories following the same theme as the book. The children have begun writing their stories and we couldn't be prouder of their writing so far! They will be finishing and editing their stories next week. Also this week, we have managed to squeeze in some more coding challenges, finish our unit of learning about Christianity focusing on Peter and the bible, play a game of rounders and look at and appraise some of the wonderful nature inspired art created by Andy Goldsworthy. What a busy but lovely week; well done everyone!



## Year 4

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the half term, ready for our final half term of the year! What a busy week it has been! In Maths this week, we began our unit on 'time', starting with days, weeks, months and years, then moving on to hours, minutes and seconds. After that, we have begun to look at converting digital and analogue times. As learning to tell the time is quite a tricky concept, the children will benefit from as much support as possible with this at home. In English, after reading a lot more of 'Krindlekrax', the children acted in role as Elvis, retelling the events that happened the night Ruskin tamed Krindlekrax. They have begun writing their own recount of the night from Elvis's perspective. The children were very excited to start our new Science topic, where we began looking at the different teeth in the mouth, their purpose and structure. Continuing with our Roman topic, the children considered where they would build their settlements if they were Romans invading Britain. The children completed their Multiplication Check this week. We are very proud of them all and the hard work they have put into learning their times tables this year. All of this, combined with the magic of Pirbright Has Talent, has made for a very good week indeed!



## Year 5

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! As we prepare to move on, we still have one amazing topic left to complete, so we were very excited to start learning about 'Raiders and Invaders' this week. We kicked off with a challenge—how could we gather the information to write a non-chronological report about the Anglo-Saxons? From there, we used our historical enquiry skills to ask questions that would answer the who, what, why, where, when and how of the Anglo-Saxon arrival in Britain. We then started to gather the information we needed by positioning the Anglo-Saxons on a timeline of historic periods and events that we have studied in the past. After that, we gradually answered each question through our history and geography learning, as well as our own research. Answering all the questions involved a considerable amount of map work and route planning in order to discover exactly where the Anglo-Saxons came from, and how they got to Britain, as well as the reasons for their coming. It was a surprise to everyone that they were able to invade and settle here because the Romans had recently abandoned Britain! We will be collating all of our information next week in our reports. In other curriculum news, we have completed our first maths topic of this half term—position and direction, showing excellent understanding of co-ordinates. In PE, we spent some time outside, and began our summer sport of rounders. Finally, we enjoyed the amazing 'Pirbright Has Talent' on Thursday afternoon—congratulations to all our fantastic performers!



## Year 6

It has been lovely to welcome Year 6 back to school for their final weeks at Pirbright! Our focus in English this week has been on the tricky genre of persuasive writing. We started by revisiting a piece from earlier in the term where one of the characters from 'The Explorer' suggests constructing a raft in order to travel down the River Amazon. The children weighed up the pros and cons of the issue before looking at the most effective vocabulary and grammatical devices to use in order to write persuasively. Having done that, they had a go and editing and improving the piece that they wrote in April. On Tuesday, we used the same skills to write arguments either for or against the idea of keeping animals in zoos. The rest of the week has mainly been spent working on two very different projects: in Maths, the children were loaned £500,000 to design their very own theme park! The initial stage was planning how to fill the available space, considering the relative cost of installing rides, kiosks, green space, toilet blocks, car parks and office space. The other project was a geographical one, whetting the appetite for next week's residential trip by completing a study of Somerset, focusing on Dunster Castle, the River Lyn and Exmoor.

