

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 week learning about bees! We have found it super exciting learning so many new facts, some are so interesting! Why not ask us to teach you a few? Did you know there are thousands of different species of bee? We began the week with a story called 'Omar, the Bees and Me' which led to lots of class discussions about when we have seen bees and how we can look after them. We then had a go at drawing the bee and writing a sentence about it using our new knowledge! On Tuesday, we learnt more facts and extended our learning into our provision where we painted honeycomb pictures, made 2D bees using our cutting skills and even made 3D bees which was a challenge! They do look brilliant though! On Wednesday, we used oil pastels to paint bees and thought carefully about their shape and colour. In maths, we learnt about adding and taking away which we found quite tricky! We did lots of practise in our Busy Bee groups. In our outdoor area this week, we have had a bubbly carwash which has been very popular indeed and we have also enjoyed continuing our bug hunting in the woods. We have also been working hard with our phonics this week, learning all about words with the suffix -ing, -ed and -est and are showing lots of progress with our sentence writing and spelling. Well done YR for another super week!



## Year 1

It's been another busy week of learning in Year 1. We channelled our inner artists this week by exploring line techniques using pencil. The children practised making different shaped line and patterns, experimenting with pressure and direction. We practised hatching, stippling and cross hatching too. This came in helpful when we created some mammal artwork. We were given half an animal with the challenge to draw the other half, using techniques we had learnt. We were very proud of the children's efforts. In Maths, we were excited to begin our new topic, Multiplication. We started the week by using different images and practical resources to explore counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We then learnt to recognise equal and unequal groups before moving on to adding equal groups together. 1DG were lucky enough to enjoy a visit to the Nurture Farm. While they were there, the children enjoyed seeing the animals, learning how they are looked after and some fun facts about them. This became a perfect stimulus for their writing. We wrote a recount to recall what we did and learnt during the farm visit. We then chose our favourite animal from the farm and created a poster as a group, including all the most important facts! In 1JR, we used our Class assembly story, 'The mixed up Chameleon' as our stimulus, by creating our own animal and writing a non-chronological report all about it. It was lovely to see the children's creativity. Ask us about the animals we have created! We would love to share!



## Year 2

This week we have continued learning about the Victorian times, and we were very excited to learn about Victorian schools in preparation for our Victorian day next Tuesday! We also learnt about the Victorian artist William Morris and after going on a fact hunt to learn about his life and his work, we created an artist study page in our sketch books. Over the next few weeks we look forward to planning our own wallpaper design inspired by nature and bringing it to life using ink and printing rollers. In PE our focus is athletics and we impressed our teachers with the resilience we showed when running and taking part in different races. This week also saw us develop our coding skills, as we learnt how to create codes to make different objects follow our instructions to move around the screen. In English we watched a wordless video clip called 'Something Fishy' and have already summarised what happened and learnt some creative vocabulary, which we then used to write expanded noun phrases. In this week's maths sessions, we continued our unit of fractions. We began by learning about unit fractions and moved on to finding non-unit fractions of shapes and amounts. As we are coming to the end of the year, we are focussing on ensuring everyone can answer 2, 5 and 10 x table questions. Can you race your child on Times Table Rock Stars or on Hit the Button?





# Pirbright's Learning Week

## Year 3

What a lovely sun-shining week we have had! It has been so lovely to get outside in the sunshine for PE this week, introducing our athletics skills, focusing on developing our techniques for running, jumping and throwing. We also headed down to the Forest School with Miss Durdle and had a wonderful time exploring the foliage, making dream catchers and creating clay characters with Julia, our school governor! In English, we have been introduced to a next focus text called 'The Promise', which has enabled us to use our VIPERS skill of Predicting, while developing our use of modal verbs to consider how likely our predictions are to happen when we read the text. In Maths, we have been working with money, making different amount with coins, converting between pounds and pence and adding different amounts of money to find totals to pay. We have also had a great introduction to our new topic on biodiversity, using our geography and research skills to identify climates and biomes across the world and find the specific habitats of different animals, considering how they are adapted to these. In RE we have been learning about Jesus and his disciples in our Christianity focused unit. Phew! Time for a lie down I think!



## Year 4

It's been another busy week here in Year 4! The classrooms have been alive with the sound of 4EC's rehearsals. I'm sure you will agree that their performance this morning was amazing - well done 4EC! Maths, this week, has seen us conclude our learning of decimals by ordering them, rounding to the nearest whole and being able to know and recognise halves and quarters as decimals. Practise for the multiplication check in a few weeks' time has been in full swing and we moved on to work on our 4 times tables in our daily Number Sense sessions. In English, we carried on reading our new text Krindlekrax and spent the week looking at persuasive texts. Next week, we will be writing persuasive letters so we focused on picture mapping our plans, understanding the features and structure of persuasive texts and planning our own. To consolidate our Ufton Court learning, in History, we looked at cause and effect and how and why decisions made during the Roman invasion of Britain happened. Why don't you ask us about the decisions of the two queens: Boudicca and Cartimandua? Whilst 4EC were rehearsing, 4SC took the opportunity to start our new unit of learning in computing: coding! Phew, we are certainly ready for a half term rest next week!



## Year 5

We are travelling at top speed on our 'Journey Around the World' at the moment. Having read a significant part of 'Kensuke's Kingdom', we have finished writing character descriptions of Michael this week, editing them and making sure we have included all of our SPaG learning, before writing them up into our WOW writing books. We also began to build banks of descriptive vocabulary to use to write a setting description next week. In computing, we revised our prior learning of online mapping, using Digimap again. We located the region where Michael was washed overboard the Peggy Sue, and have created an island using Digimap drawing tools and information we retrieved from the book to ensure we included all the features of Kensuke's island. We continued to look at forces in Science this week, with some more investigations into upthrust and air resistance. We designed and created boats to sail across an 'ocean', and used parachutes to test the effect of air resistance on our own movement. In Maths, we have been very successful, learning to measure and accurately draw angles, using a protractor; we also calculated missing angles on a full turn, and also a half turn, based on calculating totals of 360° and 180°. With some nice weather finally coinciding with our PE lessons, we were able to take advantage and practice some athletics skills in preparation for sports day—we're looking forward to a lot more outdoor PE from now on!



## Year 6

Year 6 approached the SATs this week with such confidence and enthusiasm; they could not have worked harder if they tried! We are so proud of the children's efforts, and have every confidence that they will be similarly proud of themselves when the results are published in the middle of July. Although the SATs have consumed a large proportion of the week, we have still made time for some variety! On Tuesday afternoon, the children created advertisements for our Year 6 Enterprise project: The Skipping Day, which takes place next week. On Wednesday afternoon, they contributed to an art project for the Pirbright Summer Fayre. On Thursday, they continued their DT, sewing cushions. It was all about getting active on Friday, with a focus on PE – a fun benchball competition.

