

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.

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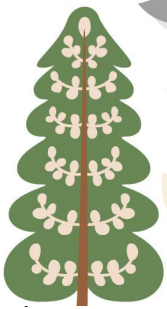
Kung Hei Fat Choy! We have been learning all about Luna New Year this week and how it is celebrated in different places around the world, as it is 'the year of the dragon'. We have been creating moving dragon puppets, lanterns and animal masks and have been painting Mandarin symbols. During our Story Time, we read The Great Race which is all about the Luna New Year. We had some lovely discussion in Circle Time about the similarities and differences of celebrations and enjoyed building our own dragons during Choosing Time. In maths, we have been learning about capacity and experimented with finding out how many objects different containers hold and discussed what this shows. We used water with different sized containers and explored using cubes, stones and objects to see what sized container holds the most/least and then compared them. This week in Music we learnt about the brass instruments, horn, tuba and trumpet. We compared the pitch of each of these instruments and continued to develop our performing skills by playing along to the song, Rock a bye, baby on the glockenspiels. The focus was ensuring that the counting was accurate. Have a lovely half term!



Year 1

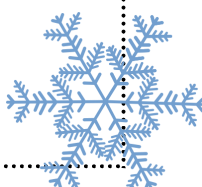
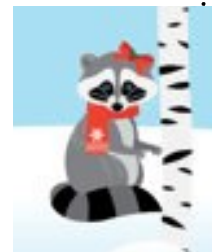
What a fabulous week of learning we have had in Year 1! We started the week by recording some facts we had learnt about Christopher Columbus on the computer. The children learnt how to search for an image online and how to copy and paste this into a word document. They worked really hard to control the mouse and click the right things.

Year One had an exciting day on Wednesday as we went on a school trip to Brooklands Museum. While we were there, the children enjoyed a guided tour of the aeroplanes and exploring the aircraft factory where many of the planes had been built or reconstructed! We were also lucky enough to go on the Concorde and sit in the seats. We learnt lots of facts about the different vehicles and how they changed over time. We particularly loved stamping our cards to show the different areas we had been in. Ask us how we earned each stamp; the pictures give you a clue! The children were very well behaved and listened well to the volunteers. In English, we used our school trip as an opportunity to write a recount all about our day, remembering time conjunctions and the past tense. We are really proud of the children's efforts! We wish you a restful half term.



Year 2

We can't believe we have reached the end of another half term and we are so proud of the children and the hard work they have shown. This week in English, our book 'The Secret Dinosaur' ended on a cliff-hanger so we just had to plan and write our own endings! We tried to create suspense with different sentence starters and adventures adjectives! In our Science lesson, we identified that living things live in habitats to which they are suited and described how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We then sorted animals into their different habitats and showed off our collaboration skills. We have now come to the end of our multiplication and division unit in Maths, and have shown great knowledge in answering both multiplication and division questions involving the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The unit we will start after half term will be money and we will be recognising coins and notes, finding amounts of money using a variety of coins and solving problems involving change. We ended the week by continuing to learn about Gwen John's artwork. We painted our own wonderfully unique portraits of Mary Anning and focussed on drawing lines and shapes and mixing colours.





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3 What a great way to end this half term! Year 3 have been learning how to write a Kenning Poem to describe certain features of ancient Egypt. The children worked really hard to combine nouns and verbs to describe the river Nile, a Pharaoh, the Pyramids or even hieroglyphics. Why don't you ask them to give you some example descriptions and see if you can guess what they are describing? Year 3 have also had a rather artistic week, providing illustrations for their poems, creating a background for their Egyptian landscape silhouette and sketching the river Nile, including certain creatures they might find in it! To top off the week, we have entered the gruesome world of the afterlife and mummification! The children loved hearing about how the brain was removed, along with the roles of the canopic jars, nitron salt and the sarcophagus. Why not ask them about the process. Can they tell you the process in the correct order and which organs were removed? Finally, in Maths we have begun our next unit in Number Sense, linking doubling to our two times tables. We have also been learning to measure accurately in cm and mm and link the two using a place holder to understand that 10mm are equivalent to 1cm. Have a lovely rest over the half term break Year 3. We look forward to even more exciting learning with you after the break!



Year 4

It has been a great end to the first half of the Spring term and certainly another busy week here in Year 4! In Maths, we started looking at dividing 2-digit numbers by 1 digit. First of all, we used practical equipment to divide our numbers before being introduced to the 'bus stop' method and the idea of remainders when numbers can not be shared equally. It certainly is a tricky concept, but we are tackling it with great resilience! This week saw our own Greek Myths come together and we wrote the final part of Herakles Labour – fighting the mythical beasts we created! In History, we looked at the different Gods and Goddesses and created some Top Trump cards based on their knowledge and strength. Ask us to tell you an interesting fact about our favourite Greek God! We also looked at the legacy of the Ancient Greeks, focusing on democracy; culminating in us having our own debate! This week certainly ended on a high! 4SC were absolutely fabulous in 'Ancient Greece Got Talent' – it was a pleasure to watch the retelling of the Greek myths. Well done Year 4 – what a way to end an awesome half term!



Year 5 As we approach half term, and the half-way point in Year 5, we have been finishing off our learning based on 'Little Freak'. This week, we have written persuasive letters from him to his father, using excellent persuasive techniques and vocabulary. We have also spent a lot of time on our PSHE topic 'staying safe': we had an assembly and completed activities to mark Safer Internet Day; we looked at what makes us proud, to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week; and in addition, we had a visitor from the Fire Service to talk to us about fire safety. In Maths, we are taking a brief trip back to fractions, and have been learning to multiply by an integer – ask the children to show you how it's done! We have continued to learn about Hinduism in RE, and this week learnt the story of Rama and Sita; we considered how different communities celebrate Diwali. In PE, we have been practising hard for the cross-country. At the time of writing it is pouring with rain – will it go ahead this week or not? The children at least, are well prepared.



Year 6 We cannot believe that the first half term of 2024 has come to an end – although it does feel as though we have achieved a lot in such a short space of time! In Maths this week, the children have started a whistle-stop tour through percentages, beginning by developing an understanding of exactly what percentages are and then finding equivalent fractions and decimals. After half-term, we will be learning how to calculate percentages of both amounts and area. In English, we have been begun an extended piece of writing in the form of a non-chronological report about the Yellow-Spotted Lizard (Stanley's nemesis in 'Holes'). We will revisit this writing after the break, focusing on editing and re-drafting the reports, up-levelling sentences and checking for any inaccuracies in spelling or punctuation. Weather-permitting, the highlight of the week should have been this afternoon's cross-country races. Certainly, the children have been very excited about the opportunity to show off their athletic prowess and, more importantly, to embrace their position as Year 6 role-models in providing support and encouragement for the younger children too.

