

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

Our excitement is growing in Reception this week as we have been exploring the story Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and comparing it to the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk. We enjoyed learning that bean seeds need light, water and air in order to grow and we planted beans in clear bags so we can observe them. Maybe we will come into school on Monday to find a giant beanstalk in our outdoor area?! We have also been observing signs of Spring and learning about the season. This week we all completed a Mister Maker challenge and created an imaginative mixed media collage independently, to depict our favourite part of the story. In Maths we have been exploring length and comparing the length of various objects then measuring them using non-standard units (e.g cubes). Our confidence in Maths is really growing! In gymnastics we enjoyed becoming Jack and learning how to safely climb the wall bars and descend carefully. Super learning YR!



Year 1

Year One started the week with a blast! Our school trip to Brooklands museum was superb! We saw lots of old cars, aeroplanes, buses, bikes and even got to walk through Concorde! On Tuesday, we wrote a recount of our trip, detailing what we did first, then, next and finally! We made sure we used adjectives and exclamation marks too! In PE, we did some transport dancing in the hall and some outdoor activities towards the end of the week. In English, we started reading our new book called 'The Climbers'. We started by using the tricky word 'because' to predict what may happen in the story and went on to use the suffix -ing and prefix un- to describe what is going on in the pictures. We then wrote a setting description to describe the forest. In RE, we learnt about the Easter story and what Christians believe Easter is all about. We discussed the importance of The Cross and why we have Easter eggs. In History, we learnt about Neil Armstrong. We made a timeline of his life and made mini-books which we filled with facts about him. Have a good weekend!



Year 2

It's been another great week here in Year 2. We have begun a new non-fiction unit in English which started with a 'features of a non-fiction text' hunt. We found contents pages, glossaries, index pages, subheadings and captions! We then became note takers by listening to videos about minibests and writing down some of the interesting facts we heard. In Maths we have moved from measuring length to measuring mass and have been solving problems involving both grams and kilograms. We've spent our afternoons this week assembling our hand puppets by cutting our felt into the correct shapes and sewing them together. We can't wait to show you the finished products! In Music we have started to learn different notes on the glockenspiels as well as the recorders and in PSHE we have continued our learning about harmful products and medicines. Well done to 2SC for your fantastic class assembly, you were fabulous!



Year 3

This week, 3CD have explored poetry; looking at different types of poems, the type of vocabulary used and other features such as onomatopoeia and similes. We planned and wrote our own friendship poems and the children's ideas about their friends were so lovely. 3ND have been busy writing and typing their non-chronological reports about the Ancient Egyptians; using the year 3 writing wish list as a success criteria. Both classes have continued to work on their basketball skills, accurately passing and catching the ball between each other, focussing on chest and bounce passes. We are in full force with our measuring length topic in maths. We've recapped our addition methods (column addition, number line and part-part whole) then challenged the children to use these methods to add lengths. The children had to read the question carefully, and while it might ask them to add in cm's, they were expected to give the answer in metres. We can't quite believe it's nearly the end of the Spring term and look forward to welcoming you all into our pop up museum next Thursday.



Year 4

This week we have been electricity mad! While Monday morning started off with PE and some finishing off, the rest of the week was full of science and DT. The children started by looking at electrical circuits, insulators and conductors and switches. After having gained the key scientific knowledge, they then explored steady hand games in DT. Their objective was to design their own game! All this fun was amongst: Family Lunch, a new English unit and some end of term assessments. The new English unit explores explanation texts. This week, the children learnt the key features of the text, explained how a dog worked and used a variety of conjunctions. Next week, we will become Wallace and Gromit to design our own Cracking Contraption! With the final week of the Spring term just around the corner, we would love it if your child could start to get familiar with the Multiplication Check (see below) ready for the Summer Term.



Year 5

This week saw the Year 5 Easter assembly begin to take shape, as we started to look at the script in detail and allocated parts. We'll need to do a lot of practise over the next week! In English, we have been focusing on comprehension, and answering questions about a text, while in Maths, we have continued the learning on the topic of decimals and percentages. In Computing, we have extended our spreadsheet knowledge in the type of formula and data we are working with—the children are very impressive in their logical understanding of the tasks! We began to look at the artwork of Claude Monet and started to recreate an artwork in his style. In PSHE, we have concluded our learning about puberty, and looked at different relationships that we have, including friends and family. We also learnt about how to live a healthy life.



Year 6

It has been a really mixed-bag of a week in Year 6 this week. Our main focus in school has been on completing another round of SATS practice papers. We were impressed by the dedication and perseverance shown by all of the children in tackling what was a tricky set of tests; we are sure that this will stand them in good stead for May! We have also been busy wrapping up our Maths topic on area and perimeter by looking at how to calculate these for a range of rectilinear compound shapes. Meanwhile, in RE, we have continued to study the events of Holy Week, as described in the Bible, and how they are commemorated by Christians at home and in church during the Easter period. We also looked at some of Isaiah's prophecies from the Old Testament, particularly those that predicted Jesus' life on Earth and what that would look like. In French, the children have been familiarising themselves with the vocabulary used to describe different types of homes and the rooms within them. We completed the week with the next in a sequence of Art lessons studying and imitating the characteristic style of famous artists: this week it was Pablo Picasso's 'Guernica'.

