

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

We have had a colourful week to launch our new 'Celebrations' Topic for this half term in Year R, as we have been learning about the festival of Diwali. We have learnt about how Diwali is celebrated around the world and that it is also called 'the festival of light'. We had an exciting visitor who told us the story of Rama and Sita and showed us lots of beautiful objects including lanterns and beautiful saris. We have made our own diva lamps using dough and decorated these with jewels. We also created vibrant Rangoli patterns to decorate our classrooms. In maths we have been focusing on sorting and creating collections representing the amounts 1, 2 and 3. We have been using our noticing skills to identify when collections represent an amount and match them to the correct numeral. We have launched our new Hey Duggie Challenge time which enables us to complete an independent weekly challenge in order to gain a new challenge badge to display in our challenge book. Our Super Six focus is 'Independent Iguana' which is an important skill to enable us to complete our new challenges too. Super learning YR!



Year 1

Our first week of Autumn 2 has been a success! We started our week with our first Reading Session where we were super excited to receive our new book and focus on decoding and prosody. In English, we have been reading 'Sparks in the Sky' which is all about Bonfire Night and fireworks. We wrote a poem based on our senses and thought about what we would see, hear, smell, touch and taste if we saw fireworks. We also used -ing verbs to write about fireworks such as banging and sparkling. In Geography, we have been learning about the weather and wrote a weather diary each day of the week (although most of it has been rainy!). In maths we have learnt about Part-part whole models and had a go at choosing a number and separating it into two groups to find out the Parts. In Music, we used Boom whackers to make a rhythm about food and in PSHE, we learnt about how to stay safe around Bonfires and Fireworks. We also made a rain gauge in Science to see how much rain we can collect outside and in Art, we made some firework pictures!



Year 2

What a great start back after half term Year 2! In English we re-visited our book 'Diary of a Wombat' and retold different parts of the story. We learnt about caption boxes, speech bubbles and thought bubbles and independently created amazing comic strips to retell Mothball the wombat's day. Throughout the week we have continued to learn about Australia and compare it to the UK. We have studied the differences in weather and the interesting foods which the Aboriginal people ate. We then created a Michelin star 3 course menu for the Aborigines which included some very interesting food choices. In Maths, we have been working on our fluency by continuing to learn different methods to add and subtract and in Computing we enjoyed improving our keyboard skills through different games and using search engines safely to find out more about Australia. In PSHE, we learnt about how friendships can have ups and downs and how we can deal with those situations, while in RE we learnt about who is important to Muslims. What a fantastic week Year 2!





Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

The children have got back into the swing of school after a lovely half term. 3CD kicked off the class assemblies with their own on the Stone Age. The children were amazing and did Miss Cass and Mrs Docis proud. It was also a momentous occasion for the children in Year 3 this week as we progressed to using blue handwriting pens for writing, rather than using pencils. The children have been very excited about this and have been focusing on developing their cursive handwriting script to ensure that with these new tools, their writing is legible, neat and clear for the reader. We have continued our English unit on instruction writing focusing on noun phrases, imperative verbs, adverbial phrases and prepositions., using our focus text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. We have focused on identifying precise and specific vocabulary for adjectives and looked carefully at how to describe nouns in a supportive way for a reader of instructions. This will help us when we write our own instructions about how to care for another animal over the coming weeks. In Maths, we have continued with our addition and subtraction unit. We focused on noticing patterns when adding and subtracting and using exchanging to help us work out calculations when adding. In Topic we have become rock detectives and identified different types of rocks. We are now planning an investigation into what rocks would be good for different stone age activities and uses such as building homes, cave painting, tools and weapons. We have also recapped our use of numbers up to 10 in French, playing a few games with them and learning to write them in words. What a great start to the new term everyone! We are very excited to see what more fantastic learning you can do this term as well!



Year 4



Having rounded off a few units last half term, we jumped into adding and subtracting in maths, learning volcanoes in Geography and started our new book in English. Maths started with the children revisiting adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s, to then use their knowledge of the column method to add 4-digit numbers. **Please see the Parent Help Videos on the website for reminders: Year 4 page- Maths Help Videos.** In English, the children heard the first part of 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman to discuss the main characters and recap how to use inverted commas for direct speech. In Geography, the children used their knowledge of the earth and tectonic plates to learn how volcanoes are formed. Finally in Science the children completed a science experience to see how sound travels through material and in Art they continued to learn about foreground and background.



Year 5

We've had a lovely week in year 5 this week as we finish off our topic 'To infinity and beyond'.

In English, we wrote stories about visiting Pandora, applying the SPaG we have been learning so far this year. We created presentations about one of the planets in our Solar System, and presented them to the class. In Computing we successfully made short animations using the app 'I can animate' - there were some very creative ideas! Our topic on addition and subtraction was completed in Maths; we have been learning how to solve some complicated problems. Finally, came the most exciting part of the week. Once we had completed the construction of our moon buggies, we raced them in the hall to see how effective our designs were. Success all round!



Year 6

The children have come back full of beans ready for the next (rather busy!) half term. In English, we have used our core text for this term, Letters from the Lighthouse, as the inspiration for creating poems based on coastlines, the sea and lighthouses in particular. Firstly, we used pre-recorded soundscapes to generate a bank of descriptive words and phrases before crafting them into verse, considering form, rhythm and rhyming patterns. After working hard on multiplication and simple division strategies before the holiday, this week we have moved on to division calculations which produce a decimal answer. We have also been using long division to divide 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In History, we have continued our topic on WWII and this week the children have been learning more about the Battle of Britain and also about the impact on the main cities that were targeted during the Blitz. The highlight of our week, of course, was WW2 day. We spent the day codebreaking, cooking, dancing, singing and creating clay medals. The children had a fabulous time putting on a 1940s tea party for our visitors too!

