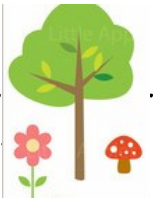


Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.



Reception *'The Rainbow Fish'* has been our focus story this week, as we have been exploring all the wonderful creatures that live in or beside our oceans. We have been fascinated by sharks, octopuses and seahorses. The theme of the story has also helped us to explore the importance of sharing and kindness, something that we hold in very high importance in YR. In Maths we have focused on the skill of ordering numbers to 20 and also matching the correct image to the numeral. We have participated in lots of exciting 'race to 20' games in pairs and teams too. This has been an exciting, practical way to consolidate these skills. On Friday, the sea creatures (or rather two fish!) came to the Reception classrooms. Using all of our senses, we explored a sea bass. Feeling the "slimy" scales was definitely a highlight and it was great to be able to explore what the inside looked like. It was a monumental week for RGC, who were delighted to have the opportunity to share our very first class assembly with the school and some parents too. The topical assembly helped us all to reinforce the important message of caring for creatures and animals in our



Year 1

Happy Friday! We have had lots of fun in Year One this week with the continuation of our Explorer topic! We started our week with Reading and maths! In maths we have been learning how to share! We learnt about how to half a shape or an object and then learnt about how to share items to find out what half of a number is. We tried very hard and used cubes, pieces of paper and our whiteboards to help us.

In PSHE, we have learnt about personal hygiene and the importance of rules this week. We discussed what 'personal hygiene' means and the different ways we stay hygienic. We discussed the different rules we have at school and in other places too and why we have them. In English we have continued reading 'Journey' and are really enjoying making predictions on what will be on the next page! This week we used the tricky words could, would and should to create a piece of writing on where we would sail if we had a magic boat and why! We also used exclamation marks when writing about where in the world we would visit.

In ICT, we have learnt how to open a document and save it ready for next time whilst adding some more sentences. On Friday, we finished the week with our exciting Explorer Day which consisted of discussing which explorer we decided to come as, some great map activities, learning how to use a compass and an Expedition around Pirbright School!



Year 2



It is safe to say that Year 2 have been working exceptionally hard this week on their special booklet mission for Mr Dutton; they have really shown how amazing they are!

We continued our Victorian topic learning this week by writing information leaflets about the famous Dr Barnardo as well as listing the similarities and differences between modern day schools and school life in the Victorian era. In English, we continued looking at Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine and became Queen Victoria herself, writing and performing a speech to her loyal subjects to thank Prince Albert and tell everyone about her new bathing machine.

We've continued to apply our throwing and catching skills in PE to a range of team games, helping our collaboration. Singing has been in the air this week, with 2SC starting to learn their class assembly songs and Year 2 rehearsing their 1990s song for the Jubilee day next week—we can't wait to see your costumes!





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Year 3

In maths, we have come to the end of our fractions topic, we have finished by comparing fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. In English, we have continued to look at the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker to inspire our persuasive writing. We looked at the key features of persuasive writing: repetition; rhetorical questions; imperative verbs; and expanded noun phrases, and how to use them effectively. We are sorry if your child has used these newly honed skills to persuade you to do anything! In our Engaging Environments topic, we put our geography hats on and compared the human and physical features of Brazil, London and Pirbright. In RE, we finished our topic of Christianity around the world by looking at how different countries celebrate the key Christian festivals and discussed how we celebrate events like birthdays and weddings as a family. In 3DD they had a marvellous music lesson developing their vocal skills working on the scales and triads, which I think Mrs Davies enjoyed more than the children! Meanwhile 3EP were working on their typing skills and how to effectively type on a QWERTY keyboard and tried to beat Miss Palmer's 65 WPM (words per minute).



Year 4

With half term fast approaching and the trip to Ufton court on its way, the children have been racing through their learning about Italy, and this week was all about food! At the beginning of the week, they learnt about Italian meals and seasonality, and designed their own three course meal for a restaurant in Rome. After that, the children explored pasta, its origins, the shapes and flavours that accompany it, to then design a pasta dish within a group. This was all working up to the children working collaboratively to make their dish next week. Alongside this, the children were recapping their knowledge of turns, angles and shapes in Maths and in English, they channelled their inner passion to write a diary entry and poem. **Please do take the time to practise the multiplication check with your child over the next few weeks. A little practise every day goes a long way.**



Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been continuing to look at the ancient story of Beowulf, considering unusual things such as Beowulf's CV, writing newspaper articles about his battle with Grendel, and beginning to write his biography. In maths, we continue the topic of decimals, using money, addition and subtraction. In our topic, we have completed our powerpoints on Anglo-Saxon Gods, including excellent information and a contents page and glossary. We have also now begun to research Vikings, thinking about who they were, where they came from and why. The Golden Rule is our RE topic, and this week we looked at the Sermon on the Mount and considered the eight beatitudes. As the weather warms up, we are really enjoying our outdoor PE, and have been making the most of our time playing cricket.



Year 6

The realisation that SATS are over and that we are in the final straight of the school year brought a mix of emotions to the Y6 classrooms last Friday: relief, excitement, some trepidation and a degree of disbelief! This week, we have enjoyed several lessons connected to the summer's 'South & Central America' topic: in Geography, for example, the children created detailed world maps, accurately labelling the principal geographical features, before doing the same in more detail for a map of South America. In English, we have started reading our new core text, The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. The children are already hooked on the story and have engaged with several reading and writing activities linked to the book. Most of our Maths work this week has been in designing, constructing and practising number-related games for Friday's Money Circus. Finally, both classes have started to work on their respective class assemblies which are coming up very soon!

