

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 mischievous elves Hip and Hop have been delighting us with their antics this week! We have enjoyed spotting where they are each morning and seeing what fun they have been up to overnight!

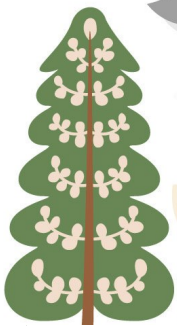


This week, we have been working really hard to write letters to the elves, using our phonics skills to sound out words. Hip and Hop have been impressed with our amazing efforts! We have also been busy making cards to send home to our families. In small groups, we have been walking to the post box in Pirbright Village to post them. Some children will be having their turn next week. In maths, we have been learning about the 2D shapes rectangle and



square. We have been using the language corners and sides to describe them as well as looking for examples of both 2D shapes in our environment. This week, we also learnt about how and why some people celebrate Christmas. We listened carefully to the Nativity Story and enjoyed having a go at wearing the different costumes to act it out.

Year 1

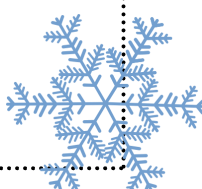
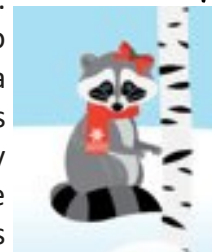


The weather certainly took a turn for the worse at the beginning of the week so we took this opportunity to explore the differences between the seasons and how the weather changes during the year—fortunately we didn't quite get to experience the snow (yet!) Having learnt about the signs of each season, we wrote some great sentences about each one. At the end of the week we wrote letters to Santa asking him (very nicely) for something for Christmas—maybe you could ask us what we wrote about. Now that we are becoming more confident with our numbers 11-20, we have begun to order these numbers as well as working out 1 more or less. Our topic lessons have allowed us to think about the other emergency services which help us. We did some lovely role plays helping us to think about what to do in different situations as well as how to stay safe in the first place. We also talked about how to keep ourselves healthy by eating well, keeping clean and looking after our teeth and bodies. Our classrooms have continued to be a welcoming home for our elves and their friends and we have enjoyed writing and receiving letters from them throughout the week. Fortunately, they have also been very impressed with our hard work and Pirbright Values which they have promised to share with Father Christmas.

Year 2

In our Design and Technology lessons this week, we were planning on designing, making and evaluating a safari vehicle linking to our learning about Kenya but then our hut's camera caught something extraordinary on the school's playground! We saw Santa's sleigh going out of control, leaving Santa behind without anyway of transport.

We've therefore decided to design, make and evaluate a sleigh for Santa to use! In Maths we have continued our money unit and have been finding the difference between amounts and solving two step problems involving giving change. In English we have been watching the John Lewis Christmas advert 'Excitable Edgar' and answering questions linked to our VIPERS. After this, we wrote a book letter in role as Edgar and explained to the townspeople how sorry we were for not being able to control our excitement.



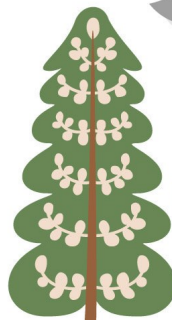
Year 3

What a jam-packed week! This week the pupils have become the teachers! We had to work as a team to create an interactive (and most importantly FUN) activity that the Year 2 could complete about the Stone Age. We planned, filmed and resourced the learning challenges ourselves. In Maths, we have continued our Multiplication and Division topic, focusing on our 4 and 8 timetables. We have also used our perseverance skill to complete two-step problems, identifying the key information and what exactly the question is asking us. In English, we focused on our independence skill this week. We have finished our 'Stig of the Dump' unit, we all loved writing our own alternative endings, it was great to see everyone's unique and creative endings. We then edited and improved our writing using the Year 3 Writer's Wishlist to if we included everything. The winter weather hasn't stopped Year 3. We have had a great PE lesson with Ms Jackson. They used their creativity in a Gymnastics lesson to create different shapes with their bodies on a range of apparatus.

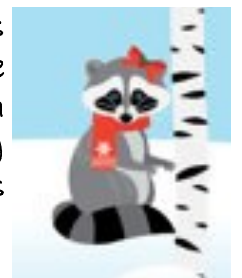


Year 4

What a fantastic week Year 4 have had! They have shown all the Super 6 skills this week through the variety of lessons. In English, they demonstrated excellent perseverance to write a portal story following on from the work of 'The Impossibly Possible Book'. The children wrote a little part of the story every day editing as they went, to ensure they were including as many of the Year 4 expectations as possible. The stories were very exciting: definitely fit for purpose! In the afternoons, the children collaborated with others across the year group to come up with a creative way of sharing their learning from the term. We had a range of things: magazines, quizzes, videos and books. In RE, the children used their creative skills to design a Nativity scene. We are definitely ready for all the fun Christmas activities next week. Please remember: party outfits on Monday, quiz Elf outfit on Tuesday and PJs on Thursday! If you have any spare cardboard lying around (too many Amazon boxes) please ask your child to bring them in as well.



Year 5 We have had a great week in Year 5, with the return to school for lots of our children. In English, we have continued with our planning and writing of an extract for 'The Ultimate Guide to Elves and Sprites' which we are loving. The children showed great creativity with their own ideas for their species of elf and have written detailed paragraphs focusing on including interesting vocabulary, varied sentence openers, relative clauses and modal verbs. We are looking forward to seeing the finished result! In Maths we have been dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 as well as applying what we have learnt over the whole autumn term in our assessments. Finally, now most of 5DC and 5LB are back in school, we have been able to crack on with our DT buggies and some exciting forces Science experiments too which has been such fun! We are looking forward to racing our buggies next week — fingers crossed our designs are effective!



Year 6

With the term hurtling towards the end, we have still managed to achieve some fabulous learning this week! In English, we began the week focusing on editing and publishing, by writing the monster reports up to create a whole class Monsterology book. We then moved on to look at the famous William Blake poem: Tyger Tyger. After learning and performing the poem and discussing its meaning, the children planned and wrote their own poem in this style, but focused on a different animal. In Maths, the children have continued to extend their understanding of fractions, by placing fractions on a number line, and comparing and ordering fractions by finding common denominators. As we come to the end of our History topic, the children have been learning about the D-Day landings. At the end of the week, we carried out some light investigations, in preparation for building lighthouses next week, which the children designed on Friday.

