

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

This week Reception have been enjoying another Supertato story. Using our fantastic listening skills, we listened carefully to the story of 'Supertato and the Carnival Catastrophe!' We couldn't believe that the cheeky evil pea had created a suckatron that removed all of the colours from the fruit and vegetables!

During our Busy Bee time we used our segmenting skills to write CVC words to match pictures, practised our scissor skills to cut evil peas and stick them in a trap and used positional language to play hide and seek with a partner. Our maths learning has focused upon the number four and five, identifying and representing it in different ways. In our choosing time, we have been enjoying creating our own superhero masks, using our five frame skills to hunt the super veggies, creating pea traps in the woodlands, strengthening our fine motor skills with hammers to squish evil peas and freeing vegetables from twisted elastic bands. What another busy learning week!



## Year 1

What an exciting week Year 1 have had! In maths we have continued to learn about subtraction and work out 'How many left?' questions as well as fact families. We are becoming super star readers in our Practise Reading Sessions and becoming more able to segment and blend longer words. In English, we focused on letter formation and practised each letter on our whiteboards to help us remember how to form them correctly. In Topic, we have continued learning about The Great Fire of London and on Tuesday, we learned about the bakery and did our bread design...because...on Wednesday we were bakers! We visited Thomas Farriner's bakery (in the school kitchen!) and baked our own bread. We added cheese, raisins or left it plain and designed our bread in different patterns such as hedgehogs or plaits. We then put our bread making method in order using time phrases such as 'First' and 'Finally'. On Thursday morning, we ate our bread and evaluated it. Most of us thought it was super yummy and we were all really proud of our hard work! We then had ICT where we practised logging on and off and using the mouse and keyboard to type our name on Word. We finished the week linking our senses to The Great Fire of London and sharing our lovely home learning from last week. What a great week we've had!



## Year 2

With all the excitement of Brazil day last Friday the children were very excited to learn more! Throughout the week we have been working hard to learn about the different landmarks and places you can go in Brazil. On Friday we used all the information we have learnt to create a leaflet to persuade children at Pirbright to visit Brazil! We have also learnt about what school can be like for children in Brazil and used a venn diagram to compare it to what school is like for us in the United Kingdom. In our ICT lesson we learnt to copy and paste information about Brazil and in Music we created a soundscape of the Amazon Rainforest. After learning the method of column addition last week, we have been learning column subtraction in Maths week and have persevered when learning how to exchange ten when there are not enough ones to subtract from.



**Year 3** This week Year 3 have been enjoying finding out more about Stig from 'Stig of the Dump' and have been retrieving information from the text to help them express thoughts and opinions about the characters and events in the tale. We used our creativity skills and exciting vocabulary to describe Stig. In Science, we have devised an experiment to test rocks in order to find out why the people of the Stone Age chose different rocks for different purposes including building and hunting. In Maths, the children have been extending their skills in addition and subtraction by adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers from a 3 digit number. They have been thinking about how to use exchanging strategies and recording their working out in different ways to help them check their answers. We have been thinking about the significance of the Poppy and why it is important to remember and we took part in the school's remembrance service at Brookwood cemetery. Well done Year 3!



## Year 4

It's been a busy week with preparations beginning for Year 4's contribution to the school Christmas Performance. The classes have been moving onto 'Contrasting Stories' as our area of focus in English. This gives the children a chance to enjoy some classic Enid Blyton writing in 'The Adventures of the Wishing Chair' and Rupert Kingfisher's 'Madame Pamplemousse and her Incredible Edibles'. They are exploring the contrasting ways that the authors manage the plots and the development of characters in these novels. In Maths, we have completed our addition and subtraction work and will now apply our skills to length and perimeter. Times-tables remain high on our agenda! In DT, we have created prototypes of levers, tabs, flaps and pop-ups and have started to plan our own pop-up books. Our guided reading text—The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe—is reaching an exciting stage as the children travel through Narnia and do their best to avoid the White Witch.



## Year 5

**What an amazing week we have had! After such a long time, we got to go on our first school trip in as long as we can remember! Winchester Science Museum was such an exciting day out for us all and we learnt so much. Back at school this week we have been working on our knowledge of area as well as beginning our new topic on multiplication and division. We really need to be practising our quick fire times tables and have loved playing games in order to do so. In English, we have been writing up our own chapters for our stories based on the competitions from Cosmic and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have been improving our stamina when writing and working on individual targets to ensure we produce our best piece of writing in Year 5 so far. Our DT buggy work has also continued and we have shown great perseverance and independence with using the saws. Another busy and fun week in Year 5!**



## Year 6

Things are starting to feel a little bit festive in Year 6 this week! With the Christmas play rehearsals beginning, the children are full of excitement about putting on a fantastic show! Music this week was full of practising plenty of Christmas songs! In the classroom, the children have been focusing on their fluency in all areas of Maths, considering the most efficient way of solving a calculation, as well as how to apply this to some tricky problems. After researching about evacuation last week, the children worked hard to empathise with evacuees, and used drama to understand how they may have been feeling. The children applied their knowledge of evacuation, and wrote a diary entry of an evacuee, full of emotion. We enjoyed an afternoon outside playing netball this week, focusing on footwork and passing. The children had a go at playing different matches to apply and put these skills into practice. In Science this week, the children focused on fixing broken circuits, in preparation for designing and building lighthouses soon. Don't forget, we'd love any recycling for lighthouse building please!

