

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 of celebrations in Year R, as we have been learning about the festival of Divali. We learned about how Divali 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 salt dough and decorated these with jewels and bright colours and created vibrant Rangoli patterns to decorate our classrooms. Our week ended with a bang as we were all excited about the fireworks we have observed in the night sky, so we have been exploring the tradition of Bonfire night. Inspired by Jackson Pollock we created large scale splatter paintings to represent fireworks exploding in the sky too. We are super proud of the learning in YR this week, especially all those 'independent iguanas' who have been using these skills brilliantly! Well done!**



## Year 1

We hope you all had a restful half term! Year 1 have had a super first week back of Autumn 2 filled with lots of learning! Our focus this week has been fireworks! In maths, we have been comparing number bonds and adding together numbers. We have thought carefully about the addition symbol and the equals symbol when writing number sentences.

On Monday we started our first reading practise session and really enjoyed our new phonics lessons too!

In English, we have been using our senses to think about fireworks and wrote a poem about what we can hear, see, smell, touch and taste when we see fireworks. In art we have been making firework pictures using paint, glitter and different techniques of twisting pipe cleaners and cutting slits in a toilet roll to make a pattern. In History we have been learning about Guy

Fawkes and The Gun Powder Plot and used our knowledge to make Guy Fawkes 'WANTED' posters, did some Guy Fawkes counting and made Bonfires outside in the construction area. Towards the end of the week, we started learning about taking away in maths and in PSHE, we learned about fire safety when around Bonfires and fireworks. We finished the week with our learning look and shared all our super work with our families.



## Year 2

What a great start back after half term Year 2! In English, we improved our collaboration skills by working together to create an advert to try and find a new home for Mothball the wombat. Together, we looked at a range of different adverts, decided what a good advert has and tried our very best to persuade the children of Pirbright to buy Mothball. On Tuesday, we became went on a food hunt to find out what types of foods the Aboriginal people used to eat and compared them with a UK diet today. We then created a Michelin star 3 course menu for the Aborigines. In maths this week, we have applied our knowledge of adding two-digit numbers and one-digit numbers to using the column addition method and have shown of our mathematical vocabulary by using words such as 'exchange'. In PSHE, we learnt about how friendships can have lots of 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!



## Year 3

What a great start to Autumn Term 2 and the start of November can only mean 1 thing (for Mrs Davies) Christmas! We dove straight into our new English topic which centres around 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We used our VIPERS and Super 6 to infer from the front cover what the story was going to be about, we had some very creative ideas. We have also been learning about contractions, apostrophes and the pattern they follow while noting the exceptions to the rule (will not = won't). In Maths, we have focused on the column method to add and subtract multiples of 10s and 100s with exchanging. In Science, we have looked at shadows, how they are formed and how they change based on the position of the light source. As this weekend is Bonfire Night we have discussed how to be safe around fire and fireworks. What a week!



**Year 4** After what seems to have been a very restful half term, the children have jumped back into the learning of the term. Having explored mountains in detail last half term, we started to understand what a volcano is. Alongside this we have moved from sound in science to our new unit 'States of Matter' where the children grouped different items into either solids or liquids. In English, we have continued to read 'Fireworkers- Makers Daughter' and wrote a setting description using exciting vocabulary to explore the senses. In Maths, the children have become confident in adding 4 digits using column addition to solve problems. We ended the week by looking at the features of a pop up book to start thinking about how we could create our own moving book about either a mountain or a volcano. Thank you to everyone who joined us for Learning Look. It was a joy to see children finally sharing their learning with you.



## Year 5

It has been a great 1st week back here in Year 5! We have started reading our new text, Cosmic, and have enjoyed its humour and plot so much already. Using the text as inspiration, we have created character profiles, practiced dialogue (remembering all of our rules) and learnt how to use a colon for writing a list. Towards the end of the week, we began planning our own version of the text's narrative, ready to write next week. In Science, we continued learning about space and used our computing skills to research other planets. After a long wait, we finally began making our moon buggies in DT! We have had to show how sensible and careful we can be using different joining and cutting techniques.



## Year 6

We hope that you all had a restful half term. The children have come back full of beans ready for the next (slightly busy!) half term. The main focus of our work in Mathematics this week has been on multiplication. The children have been reinforcing their understanding of previously learnt strategies and been applying them to calculations involving larger numbers. By the end of the week, they were all happily using long multiplication to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In English, we have used our core text for this term, Letters from the Lighthouse, as the inspiration for researching, planning and composing some non-fiction writing about lighthouses. Did you know that the first lighthouse is believed to have been built in 280 BC and that the world's tallest lighthouse is 131m high? In History, we have continued our topic on WWII and this week the children have been learning more about the Battle of Britain and in particular about the impact on the main cities that were targeted.

