

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 started with two exciting elf visitors! Hip and Hop have come to stay and learn about life in Reception. They challenged us to make paper chains to decorate our classrooms and we worked together to make the decorations. We tried our best to make the longest paper chain—a fantastic fine motor and teamwork activity! Using our newly learnt split pin joining skills, we created our own moving Elfie Selfie. We have been using our phonic skills to practice writing cvc words, trying hard to form the letters correctly. In Maths we have been working hard on one more one less, through stories, rhymes and activities to secure this skill, while also looking at our number formation 1-5. We have also been learning about the Nativity story and the true meaning of Christmas.**



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week of learning. We started our week doing PE and then some music and phonics. We also started our first rainbow challenge which was the 'Creation Station' and we painted our own magical trees like the one in our topic book, 'Patrick', and wrote some lovely sentences. The rest of the week involved learning about addition in maths and in English, we planned a story in groups and then wrote it up in our best handwriting. It was great fun to see all the exciting and unique stories we came up with! We have also started reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' ready for our next topic. We have also been working hard in our phonics lessons and practising more Phase 5 sounds. Our rainbow challenges this week were a lot of fun. In the 'Investigation Station', we investigated what colours we need to mix together to make the secondary colours. We used our new knowledge of colour mixing to paint some lovely pictures from the 'Patrick' book. In our 'Finger Gym' area, we used spaghetti sticks and cheerios to practise some addition sums. In our 'Concentration Station', we wrote questions to Patrick and other characters from the book and practised our question marks. Finally, in our 'Exploration Station' we played a phase 5 phonics game. Year 1 have had another week of hard working!



## Year 2

This week the two class swapped timetables. 2SC went back to Brazil to look at the landmarks and celebrations in Rio to complete a poster persuading people to travel there; learnt about the different animals in the Amazon rainforest to create a poem and compared their school life to ours. They also created their own art inspired by artist Romero Britto. In between completing a secret mission for the school 2HJ enjoyed the ICT suite. They heard from Smartie the Penguin who reminded everyone how to stay safe online, learnt how technology has changed dramatically over time and developed their skills on Word and the Internet. In Maths, both classes started their new unit: 'Money'. The children worked together to explore the different coins and to put them into groups. During the next couple of lessons, they counted in pennies and in pounds. In English this week, the children become contractions surgeons to fix their patients, wrote sentences on the tables to explore conjunctions and matched together pictures to learn about plurals. Phew! Here's to a restful weekend Year 2!



## Year 3

Christmas has arrived in Year 3 and we are embracing everything covered in glitter (our lips are sealed until further notice). We have been applying our ability to use our fluency maths skills to estimate and round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, in order to solve challenges and sort our answers accurately. Stig of The Dump has reached an exciting climax, we have enjoyed embracing our inner actor to use drama to re-enact our favourite scenes involving the sneaky Snargets! We then wrote police reports in role as the character of Barney and recounted the crime witnessed by him involving Granny's silver! We enjoyed incorporating our recently acquired grammatical skills and weaving in as many fronted adverbials as possible in our reports. In P.E we have been completing timed warrior challenges!



## Year 4

Last Monday saw the week get off to a very exciting start with Year 4's contributions to our COVID-style Christmas production. Obviously, the specific details are still hush-hush but suffice it to say that the children all rose to the challenge and has a great time doing it! Despite this (and in an effort to keep a lid on the building Christmas frenzy!), Year 4 have still been kept very busy with their learning across the curriculum. Both classes have continued to enjoy Enid Blyton's 'The Wishing Chair' and this week had a go at writing a recipe for a potion to wake up Charlie, the gnome who won't stop sleeping! In Maths, we have been developing the work that we did last week on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 100 to also look at the way that numbers change (or don't!) when they are multiplied and divided by 1 and 0.



## Year 5

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas as we decorated our classes and started to prepare for the school Christmas 'window' for the EOPS Christmas Trail. Thinking about what makes winter so special, we have looked at a poem called The Magic Box by Kit Wright and written our own versions of this. Ensuring we use effective vocabulary to create imagery has been a focus. Our budding poets took to the stage and performed their poems, concentrating on tone, volume, speed and actions to accompany it. We finished looking at multiplication this week and looked at the inverse operation, division. We have been using the formal written method to divide 4 digit numbers by a 1-digit number where the answer could be a decimal.



## Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have moved on to 'time' in maths. Children have been learning how to tell the time, or calculating using time, in increasingly complex problem-solving situations. In our English lessons, we have done some excellent work on 'balanced arguments', including a debate and some fantastic writing. As we approach the end of our book, everyone is desperate to know the conclusion for Olive and Cliff. Obviously Christmas is now approaching fast, so we have been working on Christmas activities: Year 6 became a Christmas Card Factory for part of the week, as we produced cards for 'The Pirbright Trust', as well as ensuring the classrooms are looking spectacular for the season!

