

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

Supertato to the rescue! We really enjoyed listening to the story of Supertato and the evil peas. In choosing time some of us chose to make our own cape, masks and superhero identity badges. We had great fun hunting the evil peas and rescuing the vegetables.

RGD had a great time visiting The Nurture Farm on Monday morning. They particularly enjoyed stroking all the animals.

RCH can't wait to have their turn next week.

During our Busy Bee time we designed and made our own Supertatos and created groups of objects that represented the numbers 1-3! In our phonics sessions we have learnt the letter sounds s,a,t and p. We are very excited to bring home our phonics flashcard book!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back after half term. They were all very excited to see each other on Monday morning! We have had another superb week of learning, and this week it was all about fireworks and bonfire night. On Monday, we learned about our new half term topic which is

'Let Us Entertain You' and we started off with circus skills in PE. We learned about what fireworks are and when we use them and even baked our own biscuits and iced them with firework designs! It was a lot of fun. In English, we have been writing labels and captions and used our senses to describe fireworks to then write a poem, and sorted and named 2D shapes in maths. In reading, we read and discussed the book 'Stars in the Sky', which was all about Bonfire Night and fireworks. On Thursday, we learned about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate it. It was very interesting. We learned our new 'Starry Skies' dance in PE and built some London landmarks in our construction area. Our other rainbow challenges this week were creating fireworks in different ways in our 'creation station', making Guy Fawkes 'WANTED' posters in our 'exploration station' and labelling the colours of fireworks in our 'concentration station'.



Year 2

Even with lockdown on the horizon the children have been full of smiles and raring to go. The next country on our list is Kenya. In English, we have learnt how to use punctuation to extend our writing with expanded noun phrases and commas in a list to write sentences about the characters from the Lion King. In the afternoons, we explored the similarities and differences between the UK and Kenya, as well as discussing the difference between human and physical features. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their last session with Tennis Tim and on Tuesday 2SC were taken out to explore the Nurture Farm for the first time. 2HJ were extremely jealous and are super excited to go next week. Having already learnt how to hold and make sound with the recorder, we started to explore notes Friday afternoon. Phew, what a first week back!



Year 3

Welcome back! This week we have been continuing our work on the Stone Age. Just before half term we started our new story, Stig of the Dump. This week we have enjoyed finding out more about Barney, Lou and Stig and answered comprehension questions about the dramatic way Barney and Stig met each other. The children also wrote fabulous diary entries in role as Lou, Barney's sister. In Maths we have been focusing on addition, adding a one digit number to a three digit number with exchange for example $247+6$. We did this practically using a range of concrete materials before recording pictorial and written methods. 3GC have been excited to start their computing unit on coding this week. They have been busy learning how to make things happen in a sequence and create simple animations. 3DD are looking forward to having their turn in the computer suite next week!



Year 4

It has been a great first week back in Year 4. This week, we have spent most of our English lessons studying Wallace & Gromit's 'Cracking Contraptions' and using them as the inspiration for designing our own labour-saving machines. We have also begun to plan accompanying explanation texts to describe what each element of the machine is for and exactly how it works too.

Before half term, the children had spent a great deal of time developing their understanding of various techniques for adding and subtracting. This week, they have been learning to select and apply the most appropriate method for a given problem as well as using checking strategies such as estimation and inverse operations. Finally, we put all of our planning and prototypes to good use and made the final versions of our Krindlekrax moving books in DT. What a busy week!



Year 5 We have wrapped up our English learning about Curiosity, creating our own rovers and writing an explanation text about them. They have pitched their ideas to a team of NASA experts in class to see who's would be most likely to be sent into space. Statistics has become our focus in maths, particularly line graphs this week. We have looked at graphs where the y axis contains both positive and negative numbers. Using our own data collected from an experiment, we created line graphs. They then asked each other questions about them to ensure they could interpret what they showed. Space buggy designs have been created in DT. There is much excitement about using saws and glue guns to create these! Using our knowledge from Curiosity, we understand that it must be able to travel across rough terrains and be made using a sturdy frame.



Year 6

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the half term. We hope you all managed to have a relaxing break! What a week we have had! Before the half term, the children created code-breaking machines. This week, they created Dragon's Den style pitches, to try and convince the Year 6 staff to invest in their machines. We were so impressed with their fantastic creations! We have begun recognising equivalent fractions, and simplifying fractions to their simplest form in Maths. The highlight of the week has to be our WWII day. The children looked fabulous in their WWII costumes and really got involved throughout the day. During the day, they made scones, solved some tricky 'codebreaker' problems around the school, learnt some basic swing dancing steps and created some beautiful poppy artwork. We ended the day with a 1940s style tea party; the scones were simply delicious!

