

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

**Another fun filled week has flown by in Reception. This week the children have been really concentrating on developing their listening skills.**

**We practised these skills by taking a walk around the school grounds listening to and recognising a wide range of different sounds.**

**We enjoyed hearing the animal sounds near the farm! Back in the classroom, we have been learning about alliteration and identifying words that start with the same sound. This has been through reading stories including 'The Ding Dong Bag' and 'I went to the Zoopermarket'.**

**Our maths learning has focused on comparing sets. We have been using the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare groups of objects. We learnt about a five frame and used these to compare groups of natural objects we found in the woodlands. Our choosing time has been a hive of activity including maze building, woodland bands, role-play cinemas, counting with Numicon, playdough cake shops and exploring the painting and mark making areas. What very busy learners Reception have been!**



## Year 1

We have had another busy week of learning! We have continued with our rainbow activities and this week, our activities have been all about our local area. In our creation station, we have been making leaf prints with crayons and paints. We sorted leaves by colour, size and shape in our Investigation Station and in our Finger Gym, we created Autumn patterns

with items found on our walk. In maths, we have been practising reading and forming our numbers to 20 and learning about Tens and Ones. On our Autumn walk around Pirbright, we learned about the different landmarks and building of Pirbright and collected lots of Autumnal items.

We also did a walk around the school grounds and discussed the way in which things change when the season changes, such as leaves turning brown. In English, we wrote about our Pirbright Village walk which was a lot of fun! We talked about what we could see and hear on our trip. In Geography, we have been looking at the physical and human features of our local area and even created some maps of Pirbright using boxes with landmarks on and thinking about what animals we saw to include in our 3D map!

We've had another full and exciting week!



## Year 2

This week has been full of wonderful activities related to Australia. We continued to work with 'The Diary of a Wombat', and while Mothball is adorable, we decided to write our very own adverts to sell her!


On Monday, we learnt who the Aborigines are and how they use art and movement to tell stories. Throughout the week, we enjoyed learning how to dance, draw and eat the food of an Aborigine. We had some very funny faces when we discussed the different types of food they eat!

During Maths, we explored 10 more and 10 less, subtracting ones and how to add 10s.



## Year 3

What a wonderful week we have been having in Year Three! Our trip was the highlight of the learning week and we cannot be more proud of the children as they set a fantastic example of Pirbright School in their behaviour, their questioning, sharing their knowledge and understand of the Stone Age and also having a 'can do' attitude with all the different activities. To prepare for the trip the children conducted research about the visit site and afterwards we reflected on the learning on the day and recorded this in a recount while some of the children have written thank you letters to the Butser Farm staff. In English this week we have also started our new class text 'Stig of the Dump' and the children are very excited to find out about the characters and the plot line. In Maths the children have been working on developing their addition and subtraction methods, both practically and pictorially. Well done Year Three. What a busy and exciting week!



**Year 4** As half term begins to draw near, the children in Year 4 have been keeping as busy as ever! In Maths, they have been developing the skills that they developed during last week's work on column addition and applying them to similar challenges involving column subtraction too. Our English work has seen the children focusing on the key features on explanation texts and how to differentiate them from similar non-fiction writing such as recounts and non-chronological reports. In particular, we have looked at the importance of causal conjunctions that add further information to a statement, explaining how things work or why they are needed. The children loved playing the 'Let's Connect' game to reinforce this learning! The highlight of the week for many though was the opportunity to use their newly acquired French vocabulary to design and describe their own hideous monsters!



## Year 5

Space is becoming a real focus in Year 5 at the moment, continuing to read Curiosity and write an explanation for its launch. It has raised some interesting questions and the children were excited to know that Curiosity is still on Mars sending data back to Earth 9 years later. In DT, we have started to think about space buggies, what would they have to have and how could we power them, initially creating a push buggy before getting saws and glue guns our later in the term. SAW have had use of the ICT suite this week and have been finding out all about the different planets and deciding which they would rather live on, if they couldn't live on Earth! In maths, we have been using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve multi-step word problems, ensuring we read the questions carefully.



**Year 6** It's been another busy week in Year 6 this week. Our focus has mainly been on the disgustingly mouldy bread that we have grown over the last few weeks. The children had to take on scientist's roles: they calculated the area of the mould on the bread and drew line graphs to show the rate of growth. To finalise this experiment, some fantastic scientific writing was produced with some great vocabulary and ideas.

We are well and truly engrossed in our English book! This week, we focused on the lighthouse at Budmouth Point; the children wrote some lovely descriptive poems, focusing on rhyme and rhythm. We had some really interesting discussions and debates in RE about what the earth would be like without humans. The children had some thoughtful ideas about what their perfect worlds would look like: full of kindness and plenty of animals! We are excited for Science week next week!

