



# Pirbright's Learning Week

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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.

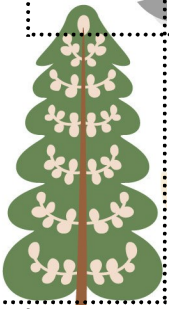
## Reception

This week we have been learning about Antarctica. We started the week by reading *Poles Apart* and doing a Drawing Club. We drew the penguin family and wrote their names, using our learnt sounds to help us. We then learnt about Antarctica such as where we would find it on the globe, what the weather is like there and what animals live there. In phonics, we learnt the digraphs oo (look), oo (boot), ar and or, and worked hard on blending and learning some new tricky words. In maths, we have learnt how to find 1 more and 1 less from numbers to 5, the composition of numbers to 5 and subitising numbers 0-5. In French, we continued learning nursery rhymes and in Online Safety we learnt about recognising some ways in which the internet can be used to communicate safely. We also continued learning about Zones of Regulation and how we can regulate ourselves when we are feeling certain emotions. In gymnastics, we had a great time on the apparatus where we practised our balance and coordination to climb ladders and walk on beams; it was a lot of fun! In Art we learnt about Kandinsky and recreated his art work. We are so proud of them! In our provision this week we have matched numbers to 5 by subitising, used paintbrushes to brush off the snow to reveal Antarctic animals, written mini books on Antarctic animals and wrote sentences, read tricky words on a board game, fed the penguins tricky words, engaged in an Antarctic small world outside and practised our balance on scooter boards. We also loved the school role play and building obstacle courses in the woods.



## Year 1

It has been another busy week in Year One – especially for 1DG, whose class assembly rehearsals are well underway! The children have been working incredibly hard all week, learning their lines, singing songs, and perfecting their marvellous dance moves! 1RG have particularly enjoyed listening to their beautiful singing during rehearsals and can confidently promise that this will be a class assembly not to be missed! Alongside all this rehearsing, the children have still managed to fit in lots of fantastic learning! In geography, we continued exploring the world by learning that it is made up of seven continents. We also discovered what climate means and how it can be different around the world. In English, we revised adjectives and used them to write wonderful character descriptions about our new friend, Beegu. In maths, we completed our shape topic by learning about patterns and creating our own using 2-D and 3-D shapes. We even found time for science, heading outside to observe our class tree and discuss how it has changed now that winter has arrived. Well done Year 1 - another great week of learning!



## Year 2



Year 2 have had another jam-packed week of learning. In Maths, we have continued with our unit on shape, starting the week by sorting 2D shapes before moving on to 3D shapes and learning about their faces, vertices and edges. In English, we have carried on with our book *The Secret Dinosaur* and wrote our first piece of writing, which involved writing a letter in the first person as the main character Marlin to Uncle Gus, explaining the magical and mysterious goings-on at the museum. We have also improved our knowledge of sentence types, including statements, commands, questions and exclamations, written 2A sentences with two expanded noun phrases, and wrote words with the -ly and -ful suffixes into sentences. In History, we learnt about timelines and created our own timelines showing different periods of dinosaur times, and we were so impressed with the children's creativity and their knowledge of all things dinosaurs. In Guided Reading, we have been focusing on reading longer passages of text and going back to the text to find answers, with a particular focus on retrieval. In PSHE, we have been learning about Concept 2 of the Zones of Regulation, where we are learning to identify and name emotions, recognise physical clues in their bodies and understand which zone they are in.





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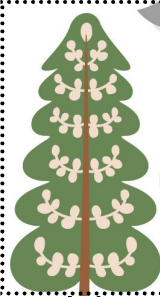
## Year 3

It has been another fantastic week here in Year 3! We are so proud of 3SC and the journey through time they took us during their class assembly. They sang their hearts out, learnt all of their lines and were just fabulous! In Maths, we have continued to partition 2-digit numbers to help us multiply them by a 1-digit number. Why don't you give us some multiplication sentences to solve to show you our method? We then looked at the link between multiplication and division and started dividing 2-digit numbers. In English this week, we have carried on looking at our visual clip 'The Pyramid'. We started the week with a practiced write of a first-person narrative, as if we were the archaeologist. We then developed our skills and knowledge of present tense verbs, fronted adverbials and how we can use these to start sentences. We are continuing to learn more about the Zone of Regulation as well as learning about fruits in French. Whilst 3SC were rehearsing, 3ND were able to learn to play the Djembe, 3SC can't wait to do this too!



## Year 4

What a fabulous second week of term we have had! In History we have been intrigued to find out that Greece was made up of many different City States and have definitely decided whether we would rather have been an Athenian or a Spartan! Please ask us which one we chose and why? Greek Day was brilliant – we loved our costumes (huge thank you to parents for providing such brilliant outfits!) and thoroughly enjoyed striking some gorgeous Greek poses, puzzling some Greek maths and delving into the mythical world of the Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. We made some fabulous fact files – please ask us who our favourite God is although explaining the family tree is still a challenge! In the afternoon we learnt about the importance of Greek jars to daily life, and then made our own designs on a cut-out version which I'm sure you'll be impressed by when you see them displayed in the classroom. We have had a brilliant gymnastics session with Ms Jackson and have enjoyed learning about the different Zones of regulation and which feelings and emotions might fit into each zone. Please don't forget to send in a pencil case with your child – black handwriting pens, pencils, a purple pen, glue stick and some colouring pencils!



## Year 5

The children are really enjoying reading '*Kensuke's Kingdom*' and it has certainly inspired them to produce some of their best writing in Year 5 so far! This week, they have been compiling an imaginary ship's log, describing Michael's adventures (and mishaps) as he and his family crossed the Bay of Biscay on the way to La Coruña, before setting sail for Recife in Brazil! Michael's voyage provided the inspiration for our work in Geography too; the children spent Thursday afternoon locating each of the ports that the family visit during the early chapters of the book, before accurately plotting them on a map to show the boat's journey. Year 5 have also been busy with their computing this week: after a session about e-safety, they got the chance to put their coding skills to good use too, by creating a simple, point-scoring game. We also completed our unit on multiplication and division this week, so we are now proficient in formal written methods for both - challenge us with a long multiplication or 'bus stop' division question and see if we can explain how to solve it!



## Year 6

In Maths this week we have focused on ratio, ensuring we are confident with the scaling amounts up and down. Our effort and perseverance in this area is certainly starting to pay off and the children are growing in confidence. In English, we have been writing a biography about the character Ellie from 'Up'. We thought about sentence starters, paragraphs and ensuring that our sentences were biographical in style rather than like we were telling a story. The end results were very impressive! In our topic lessons, we have continued with our theme of 'Marvellous Me' thinking about blogs based on an interest of ours in Computing, and self-portraits in Art. We are also continuing to learn all about Zones of Regulation in PSHE.

