



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 5th December 2025

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

Happy New Year! Reception have had a great week learning all about the season of winter and what better way to start the term with some icy weather and snow! On Monday, we learnt the digraph 'ai' and practised writing words with this sound. We then practised writing CVC words and were so proud of our handwriting and letter formation. In maths this week we have learnt about 0, finding and subitising 0-5 and representing numbers 0-5. In our story time, we read *One Snowy night* and discussed what signs of winter we spotted. In Understanding of the World, we learnt about winter and what weather we see, clothes we wear, activities we might do and how this season is different to the others. In French we started our new topic on Nursery Rhymes which we really enjoyed and in PE, we started our topic of gymnastics which we equally enjoyed! We started our new lesson of Online Safety where we learnt about how to stay safe when using technology by saying 'No' and 'Stop' when something makes us uncomfortable, just like what we do when we're offline. In music, we used the glockenspiels and learned the note G. In our provision this week, we have made winter snowflakes with paper, sorted circles, triangles and squares, subitised to 5, matched coloured paper clips to coloured dots to help our hand strength, wrote minibooks stores, made paintings with clingfilm and had lots of fun with ice outside!



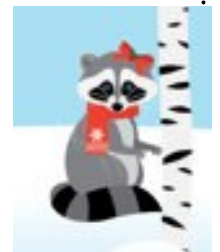
## Year 1

What a fantastic first week back Year 1 have had! We have flown into the Spring term with our exciting new topic, *Far Far Away*. We began the week by creating our very own passports, so we were ready to travel the world! Our first destination was the UK, where we learned what a capital city is and discovered the four capital cities that make up the UK. Later in the week, we explored the seas surrounding the UK and learned how to use compass directions to describe where different cities are located. In English, we met a mysterious traveller as we began our new book *Beegu*. At first, we didn't even know the title, which made us incredibly curious! We asked thoughtful questions, made predictions about the story and during independent learning, some children even designed impressive spaceships for *Beegu* using what they had learned about 2-D and 3-D shapes. Alongside all of this, we also began our RE topic by exploring a new religion, Judaism. We learned that - like Christianity - Judaism has a special book called the Torah. This half term, we will continue to learn more about the Torah and why it is so important to Jewish people.



## Year 2

What a brilliant first week back we have had! Our topic this term is called *Living, Dead, and Never Alive*, and we kicked it off by going on a hunt around the school grounds to find examples of these three categories. Monday afternoon was particularly exciting when we became detectives after discovering some suspicious dinosaur-like footprints on the KS2 playground. We quickly returned to class, researched different dinosaurs, and wrote letters to Mr Wright to share which type of dinosaur we thought had visited and why. In English, we began reading our new text, *The Secret Dinosaur*. We've made intriguing predictions, learnt new vocabulary, and made inferences to understand the text in a deeper way. In Maths, we've been enjoying our new unit on shape. So far, we have been on a 2D and 3D shape hunt around the classroom, drawn 2D shapes, and thought carefully about their sides and vertices. We have also learnt about symmetry, carefully drawing the other half of shapes and discovering that some shapes can have more than one line of symmetry. In PE, we are very excited to begin our gymnastics unit, where we have been working on balance in different positions and at different heights—and we even got the wall bars out too! In PSHE, we've begun our new unit on Zones of Regulation, which is something the whole school is doing. Our first lesson included discussions about what regulation is and what strategies we might use to help us regulate. To end the week, we enjoyed an art lesson where our creativity shone when painting dinosaur silhouettes, focusing on blending and creating smooth transitions between





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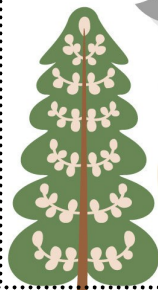
## Year 3

It's been lovely to see all the smiling happy faces back for the New Year – despite the chilly weather – and what an exciting start it has been! 3SC wasted no time getting stuck into learning their lines, actions and songs for their class assembly next week to showcase our Stone Age learning from last term. We really are excited to share it with you! In Maths this week, we have started our new unit of multiplication and division and consolidated our previous knowledge of multiples of 10 as well as related calculations we can use to help us and are beginning to reason within multiplication. We were also introduced to solving 2 digits multiplied by 1-digit calculations. We have also started our Number Sense booklets this week to really help us consolidate our knowledge of times tables. A new term means a new topic and this Spring is all about Ancient Egypt! We started the unit by watching the video clip 'The Pyramid', where we have practiced our sequencing and retelling skills. Thursday saw us introduce the Zone of Regulations to the children – where we focused on what regulation is. It's



## Year 4

What a fun start to 2025 this week has been! We hope you all had a restful break – Year 4 have definitely come back raring to go! This week saw us jump head first into our new topic for the half term, 'Myths and legends'. We started the week reading the Greek myth, Pandora's box and learning about Zeus the King of all the Greek Gods. We have enjoyed thinking about how Pandora would have felt during the different parts of the story and how we could write a letter to Zeus to apologise for opening the box. In maths, we have completed our first unit on multiplication and division – working hard to remember what happens to numbers when they are multiplied by a zero or one! In history we discovered just how long ago the Ancient Greeks were around and for how long and some of the most important events in Ancient Greek history. We thoroughly enjoyed our first session of our Zones of Regulation Curriculum, thinking about the word 'regulate' and how we can regulate ourselves when we feel tired and hungry. We can't wait for our Greek Day next Thursday and are looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up and ready to join in some fabulous Greek style activities. Don't forget to send in a pencil case with your child – black handwriting pens, pencils, a purple pen and a glue stick.



## Year 5

Welcome back to the new Spring Term; this is always a busy term with lots of learning activities to fit in to a few short weeks! We have had an excellent start, as we launched our new topic, 'Journey Around the World', which is based on one of our favourite Year 5 books: 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We also took the opportunity to practise our sketching skills, looking at images of boats and the ocean and producing some lovely sketches. In Music, we have started a new series of lessons linked to Adele's 'Make You Feel My Love'. This week, the children appraised the song's structure. In future weeks, we will be singing along and even learning how to play it on keyboards! On Tuesday, we began to research and design dreamcatchers in DT, which we will be making soon. In Maths, we have started a new series of lessons on multiplication and division. We began by revising written calculation strategies before trying to apply those skills to some very challenging word problems. Despite the wintry weather, we have also managed to complete a couple of PE sessions this week: we started with rugby on Monday, developing our ball-handling skills, before Ms Jackson sensibly chose to use the indoor hall for a gymnastics lesson on Thursday!



## Year 6

The children have thrown themselves back into their learning this week after the Christmas break. In our English lessons, we have investigated the features of autobiographies and biographies and had a go at writing some biographical sentences about a friend we interviewed with effective questions we previously generated. Towards the end of the week we watched the opening of the film 'Up' and began planning ideas for writing a biography about the character Ellie. In Maths, our work has been based around conversions of measures and in our topic (Marvellous Me!), we have explored the work of famous artists, appraising well-known pieces of art as well as having a go at sketching tricky facial features ready for some portrait drawing of our own. In computing, we looked at what blogs are and began having a think about what we might like to create a blog about linked to our own interests. In our French lesson, we

