



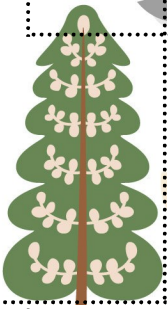
# Pirbright's Learning Week

29th January 2026

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 in Reception we have been learning about The Arctic. We began the week by learning about where the Arctic is and used the Globe to help us understand this. We learnt that is the furthest most point from Antarctica and it is really far away from the equator which makes it very cold. We learnt what animals live in The Arctic and played a game where we had to guess what animal was being shown through our binoculars. Last week in Art, we painted our backgrounds for our Arctic collage by learning what happens to paint when we add white. This week, we finished our collages by adding on ripped paper, tin foil and cotton wool to make a snowy effect and stuck on some Arctic animals, thinking carefully about which ones need to be stuck on land or in the sea. In maths, we started learning about numbers 6, 7 and 8 and used our knowledge on subitising to 5, to help us subitise to 8. In phonics we learnt the trigraph 'air' and the digraph 'er' and we have now learnt all our Reception sounds! We're now going to practise using our segmenting and blending knowledge to read much longer words! In PE, we had a great time on the apparatus again in PE, practising our balance, climbing and team work skills. We also showed our Super 6 skill of Perseverance! In Zones of Regulation, we discussed the importance of knowing how to regulate ourselves when we feel a certain way and recapped the 4 zones. In French we continued learning the Cow Boy dance song and in Online Safety, we learnt about whether different images showed someone online or offline. What a busy but exciting week!

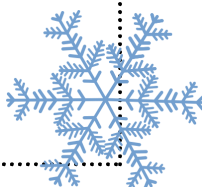
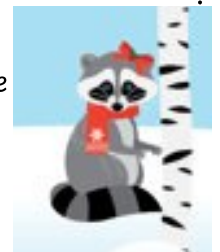


## Year 1

Even though we only had four days in school this week, we have still managed to pack in lots of exciting learning! We began our week with Science, investigating different materials and their properties, which led perfectly into our experiment exploring floating and sinking. The children loved predicting and testing what would happen. In English, we started a new book called Journey. As it is a wordless story, we carefully studied the illustrations and wrote our own questions using question marks, thinking about what the story might be about. In Maths, we continued working with numbers up to 20, focusing on finding one more and one less. As always, we have been working really hard on our phonics and are loving our reading as a result. Despite the shorter week, we still managed to fit in three reading sessions, focusing on blending in our heads, reading with expression and thinking carefully about the meaning of the text. To finish the week, we learned about a local historical figure, Henry Morton Stanley. The children remembered seeing his grave on our village walk earlier in the year, so it was especially exciting to learn about his adventurous life exploring Africa.

## Year 2

It's been a week filled with lots of learning, performing and fun! In English, we started our new recount unit on Mary Anning. We focused on learning important and key facts about Mary's life. This will help us write our recount of an important part of Mary's life next week. We also got to use our art skills by visualising what happened when Mary went fossil hunting with her father and drawing it. Our acting skills were put to use by acting out key parts of Mary's life and thinking about how she felt. Finally, we looked at features of a recount and highlighting them in our WAGOLL text to help us with our first write next week. In Maths, we have finished our Shape unit and have now moved onto Money. We focused on counting in pounds and pence and choosing notes and coins to make amounts. In Topic, we put those art skills to good use again by looking closely at a picture of Mary Anning and sketching her. We explored different techniques to use and focused on shading. 2CD have practiced hard this week for their class assembly and thoroughly enjoyed performing to their parents and the rest of the school. Well done 2CD.





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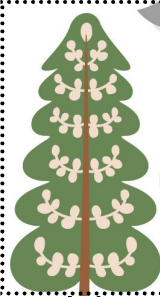
## Year 3

Wednesday's INSET has not stopped us squeezing in lots of lovely learning this week! 3ND's classroom has been filled with lots of lovely singing and line recital this week in preparation for their assembly next Friday. In Maths, we started our new unit based on length and perimeter. We have practised how to use a ruler properly (!) measuring in ms, cms and mms and even a combination of them at the same time. Why don't you put us to work and ask us to measure some items around the house for you? This week also saw us start our new text in English. We met Flat Stanley on Tuesday and can't wait to find out about his Ancient Egyptian adventure. We started justifying our opinions through a diamond 9 about what Stanley should pack in his suitcase and collected synonyms to replace the word said. We also carried on our learning of Judaism in RE, coding in Computing and of course had the most fun with Mrs Bean in Forest School!



## Year 4

Well despite it being another rather wet week we have been busy learning in Year 4! We have started a new myth in our English lessons with a focus on The Twelve Labours of Heracles. We are very much enjoying learning about all of the mythical creatures that Heracles faces and overcomes! Please ask us which is our favourite one so far. In maths we are enjoying the challenge of long multiplication- multiplying 2 and 3-digit numbers by one digit and still keeping all of those columns straight so they are easier to add up. Our new computing unit of work is animation – please ask us to show you the wonderful animations we made this week! In History we learnt about the extraordinary life of Alexander the Great and investigated exactly what he did to be called Great and we felt he was correctly named after finding out about all his amazing achievements by the time he was 33 years old We hope you have all signed up to a Parents' evening meeting from next week and we look forward to sharing our books and learning with you.



## Year 5

With Wednesday's INSET Day, it has been a short week for the children in Year 5, but still very busy! Having completed a three-week English topic on diary writing last week, we have now moved on to a new one: setting descriptions. However, because the children have been loving the story of '*Kensuke's Kingdom*' so much, we will be using this book as the inspiration for the new topic too! This week, we have been combing the middle chapters in search of brilliant vocabulary and descriptive phrases that we can '*maggie*' and use in our own compositions! Michael's voyage aboard the *Peggy Sue* has also provided the starting point for our Science learning this week, as the children investigated some of the forces involved in travelling through water: upthrust, water resistance and gravity. Elsewhere, In DT, we have completed our dreamcatchers, and evaluated the finished products against our original designs and success criteria. Finally, in Maths, we have wrapped up our short topic on fractions by learning how to calculate fractions of quantities. Phew, we told you it had been a busy four days!



**Year 6** This week is Year 6 we have been running through some past SATs papers to check up on progress. The children have applied themselves well and taken it all in their stride. We have also been experimenting in science with mirrors to reflect light and learning about the properties of light. Ask your child three things they know about light! We have completed our English unit on biographies, exploring the lives of famous people. We are looking forward to beginning our English unit on 'Holes' next week.

