



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 10th July 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 we have focused on fish as we are learning about animals. We started the week by reading 'Rainbow Fish' where we discussed whether the Rainbow Fish was kind or unkind by not sharing his shiny scales. We spoke about whether he was a good friend at the end of the story. In maths we have learnt how to make our own maps. We used the terminology we have learnt last week to describe where different objects are on the map, such as the cows are in front of the fence or the horse is in between the tree and the pond. We then created our own maps from familiar places, such as a map of the school. On Tuesday we went on the water slide which was so much fun! We were great at waiting our turn and thought it was a great way to cool down in the warm weather! In Art this week, we have made a fish from weaving. We had a fish template and used coloured paper to make a weave pattern. We found this quite tricky, especially remembering the weave had to be the opposite way each time. As part of our Understanding the World, we learnt about the parts of a fish. Why not ask us to teach you something we learnt about fish? We have continued practising our Summer Concert song this week and on Thursday, we were able to perform it in front of the school which was lots of fun! In the provision this week, we have used pipettes and coloured water to decorate a fish with colourful scales, used magnetic rods to fish for tricky word fishes, continued engaging with an animal grooming role play, practised balancing on our ocean 'walk the plank' across shark infested water, painted fish, decorated fish with sequins and small items and lots more!



Year 1 What a fantastic week it has been in Year 1, with so many exciting milestones to celebrate! This week marked another exciting milestone in our Year 1 phonics journey as we learned our final phonemes. We still have one more week of phonics to consolidate everything we have learned this year, but it felt very special to reach this important stage. We have all worked incredibly hard throughout the year, learning so many new sounds, so it felt very special to reach this important achievement. Well done, Year 1, for all your dedication and perseverance! In Maths, we continued our learning about time, practising how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. Why not ask us to show off our new skills at home? We also celebrated our final week of reading groups. We are so proud of how much progress everyone has made this year. It is amazing to think about how far we have come—from learning to decode words to reading whole books independently with fluency and expression. It has been a wonderfully musical week too, with lots of rehearsals for our summer concert. We loved becoming cowboys and cowgirls, singing and dancing with enthusiasm. We were incredibly proud of our excellent performance, and it was wonderful to showcase all of the hard work we had put into learning our song and dance. In our topic lessons, we completed our Nurturing Nature unit. Using iPads and library books, we researched different animal groups before presenting our findings to the class. It was wonderful to see everyone confidently sharing their knowledge and teaching others about their different animal groups. Finally, in PSHE, we began thinking about our exciting transition to Year 2. We talked about what we are looking forward to, any worries we might have, and wrote thoughtful letters to our new teachers.



Year 2 From poetry performances to Victorian peg dolls, Year 2 have enjoyed another week full of creativity. In English, we brought together all of the writing skills we have developed this year, including alliteration, expanded noun phrases and descriptive language, to write our own seaside poems. We enjoyed adding actions to our poems and practised performing them with intonation and confidence. In Maths, we completed our unit on position and direction and will continue to revisit key vocabulary such as left, right, clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter turns and three-quarter turns. We also explored patterns by recognising, describing and continuing patterns involving shapes, explaining how they repeat. In Geography, we used our map-making skills to draw our own maps, carefully including the symbols we learnt about last week. During Design and Technology, we continued building our moving vehicles by carefully sawing wooden dowels ready to attach the wheels so that our vehicles can roll smoothly. As part of our Victorian history topic, we discovered the different toys Victorian children played with, including peg dolls. We were delighted to welcome a special visitor who helped us make our own Victorian peg dolls, which we are excited to bring home soon. Although our Summer Concert could not take place in its usual format, we enjoyed a lovely celebration in the hall. The children sang beautifully and made us proud with their enthusiasm and confidence.





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Year 3 It's been another hot week here at Pirbright but we've still managed to have a lot of fun! We started the week by finishing our shape maths unit and looking at 3D shapes. We thought about their properties, including faces, edges and vertices and even got to build some using cocktail sticks and marshmallows to show off our understanding! We moved onto look at statistics and using our interpreting skills to gather data from both pictograms and bar charts. We have continued with our art project and 3D shapes, putting to paper our perspective skills in the classroom, thinking about where the light hits the shape, where the shadows are and what techniques we can use to show this. English this week was our present week. We have worked incredibly hard to write information texts all about David Attenborough, using the skills we learnt last week and the facts we collected. We have worked so hard on these and they are fantastic! Although it wasn't the Summer Concert we were hoping for, we were still pleased we got to perform in front of the rest of the school. Listening to the children sing 'Build Me Up Buttercup' was fabulous and they performed wonderfully as well as being fantastic audience members for the rest of the school. We can't quite believe the summer holidays are so nearly upon us but we are looking forward to an extra special, extra fun week together next week!



Year 4 We have had a very busy week in Year 4 - practising our song for the Summer Concert and whilst we were sad not to perform it to all of our families, it was great to show the school what we had learnt and the bucket hats and singing were both fabulous! Our Roman shields have been the main focus of the week- carefully painting the gold designs on them, adding the blue or red background and add the extra detail with a black pen. Once the silver boss and handles are attached, they will be ready to practise some Roman army formations. In English we have completed our epic Roman Gladiator stories - everyone has done their best writing of the year! In maths we have continued to learn about polygons and symmetry and completed the end of block assessment. We have finished our Roman topic by thinking about the legacy left behind about the Romans and answering the question Should we thank the Romans for invading Britain. Please note our new date for the water slide next Thursday. We have our Celebration afternoon on Monday at 3:15 pm and our bench unveiling for Charles on Tuesday at 2:30 pm. We wish you all a sunny but not too hot happy weekend.



Year 5

Well it has certainly been another hot one, and after the weather forced us to cancel our trip to Woking two weeks ago, it was equally disappointing that we had to make a similar decision about this week's planned summer concert. The children have put so much effort into learning 'Take On Me' so, although it was not quite the same, it was great that they got the opportunity to perform to the rest of the school on Thursday morning. In Maths, we have been busy learning how to use factors of 10, 100 and 1000 to convert between the different units measure for length, volume and mass. In English, the children have now completed their final play script, based on the scene where Bess is captured by King George's men in 'The Highwayman'. Unsurprisingly, the highlight for most of the children was the opportunity to perform their own scripts to their classmates! Sadly, this week saw our final Forest School session but we definitely saved the best until last: the children put all of their new skills to good use to safely construct campfires before enjoying some tasty s'mores as a fireside treat!



Year 6

This week we been continuing with our Mayan projects as part of our topic work as well as beginning an art project to end our time in Year 6. We have been exploring the artist Mungo Martin and sculptures like totem poles and stelae ready to design and create our own using junk modelling and paper mache. We have been enjoying the weather each morning by catching up on lots of PE which has been enjoyed by all. Our final summer concert performance was not what we were hoping for but we still did a great job of cheering on our England team ready for Saturday. Our penultimate week ended with a very fun forest school session.

