



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 11th September 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

What a wonderful start to school life for our new Reception children! Over the past week, each child has been in for two mornings where the children have been getting to know their new surroundings, exploring our exciting EYFS learning environment and beginning to make new friendships. They have enjoyed choosing activities, playing alongside one another and discovering all that school has to offer. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they settled into routines, explored with curiosity and, most importantly, had lots of fun! We are so proud of how brilliantly they have begun their school journey and are looking forward to welcoming them back for more adventures next week. A special mention to all of the parents who did very well at drop off – we hope it has been as seamless for you as it has been for us!

Year 1

What a fantastic first full week in Year 1! We have had such a busy and exciting time, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new routines so happily. Our first reading groups have been a real highlight. It has been lovely to see that the children have kept their confidence and enthusiasm for reading over the summer. They have been keen to share their ideas, enjoy their books and show us just how much they remember. In English, we have been having lots of fun with *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We have retold the story through drama and role play and sequenced the main events. We even had a go at writing simple sentences about the action, thinking carefully about when to use capital letters and full stops. Alongside this, we have continued with our daily handwriting sessions, practising how to form and orientate our letters correctly. We would love to show this to you with a little extra practice at home! In Maths, we have been busy counting to 10. We have counted objects, jumped along hoops and practised writing our numbers too. We are beginning to think carefully about what numbers look like, how they are formed and how many objects they represent. Despite a few rainy moments, we have also enjoyed exploring our Independent Learning areas. In Construction, we have been busy making new chairs for Baby Bear, while in the Mud Kitchen we created a brand-new recipe for Goldilocks' porridge! Some children even decided to have a go at writing their very own *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* books. It really has been an amazing first full week in Year 1. We are so proud of the children and everything they have achieved already. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2

We've had a fantastic start to Year 2 and are now fully settled into whole-class learning. It has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and excitement for all the learning ahead. We kicked off our new topic, "Passports to the World," by completing our own passport information and taking off on our very own pretend aeroplane! With atlases in hand, we explored the world around us, located the different continents and completed a continent jigsaw puzzle. Our journey then took us to India in our first English unit. We explored a variety of fascinating objects linked to India and came up with some thoughtful questions that we would like to have answered as our learning continues. We started reading *Grandpa Chatterji* by Jamila Gavin, got to know the main characters and began making inferences by using clues from the text. Place value took centre stage in Maths this week as we explored tens and ones and practised partitioning numbers to 100. In PE, we enjoyed being on the field, developing our ball skills, focusing on controlling and passing the ball accurately. This week, we also started our materials unit in Science and enjoyed matching, exploring and hunting for different materials around us. Thank you for a wonderful first week back! It has been brilliant to see the children settling so well into Year 2.

Year 3

What a fabulous start to the year it has been! It has been great to see the children so settled and ready to learn over the last week and we certainly didn't waste any time! This week has seen us dive head first into our Autumn term topic all about The Stone Age! We started the week by looking at timelines and the chronology of The Stone Age in relation to all the other historical events we have looked at throughout our time at school. We looked at what we can learn from images as well as primary and secondary sources to find out more. In English, we read the text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' with a focus on instruction writing. Our week has consisted of making our own handprint mammoths, designing and making a cleaning kit and filming video instructions to teach others how to clean a Woolly Mammoth! In maths, we have been working on lots of retrieval practice and consolidating our place value knowledge of tens and ones before moving onto hundreds next week. Phew, what a busy first week!

Year 4

What a fabulous first full week we have had in Year 4! We are settling into our new routines and getting to know our year 4 expectations. In science we have thoroughly enjoyed our sessions in the science lab- investigating making circuits to light up bulbs/set off buzzers, investigating which materials are conductors and insulators (please ask us what we discovered!) and making our own switches using split pins and paper clips. This is all in preparation for designing our steady hand games in DT next week! In maths we are focusing on place value and introducing thousands alongside our hundreds, tens and ones. In English we are already loving Wallace and Gromit and finding out how their Snoozatron works! We are looking forward to designing our own Cracking contraption next week to write a non-chronological report about. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Year 4 teacher meeting on Thursday and we hope you are as excited for the year ahead as we are! Home learning will start next Friday but, in the meantime don't forget you can go on TTRS! Have a lovely weekend. PE Days are Tuesday and Friday next week.

Year 5

What a start to Year 5 we have had! We have certainly hit the ground running and packed an incredible amount into our first week. On Monday, we kick-started our new topic, To Infinity and Beyond, with an exciting STEM challenge exploring the forces of gravity and air resistance. We designed and built spacecraft to safely land our Mars rover (an egg!) on the surface of Mars. We then launched our spacecraft from the top of the castle, hoping our eggs would make it safely to the ground. We inspected our rovers and reviewed which spacecraft were successful and, most importantly, why! On Wednesday, we dived straight into our topic by learning about the planets that make up our solar system. We networked with our peers, sharing information about different planets to complete our own fact files. We have also begun our new English book, Cosmic, this week. We have explored the front cover, created character profiles, reenacted scenes and even started looking ahead to dialogue – ready to write our own piece of dialogue over the next couple of weeks. In Maths, we have started our topic on place value and have already impressed our teachers with just how much we can remember from Year 4! In PE, we officially began our Ultimate Frisbee lessons, learning two different throws: the forehand and the backhand. We are looking forward to developing these further and learning more skills over the coming weeks. It is fair to say that it has been a busy but brilliant week, with the children making some excellent first impressions. They have definitely earned themselves a well-deserved break this weekend. Well done, Year 5, and enjoy your weekend!

Year 6

We've had a busy first full week, introducing our class text, Letters from the Lighthouse, and planning balanced arguments about the evacuation of children during WW2. In maths, our focus is on place value of numbers into the millions, and we will be introducing the children to their Maths Facts homework next week which will support their learning this year. In music we explored the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, and in French we were securing our basic pronunciation of sounds. We finished our week with the much-anticipated trip to Sayers Croft where the children participated in a variety of challenging and fun activities, developing their skills of collaboration, perseverance and resilience.