



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 25th 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

This week in Reception, we have continued to practise learning and remembering our classroom expectations and routines. We started off the week with a provision tour where we looked at and discussed the different areas in reception and what learning we could do this week. We were excited to practise our paintbrush skills by painting shapes, strengthened our fingers using Play-Doh to create different shaped blobs, used tweezers to match the buttons to the right colours on the rainbow, matched socks, matched objects to their outlines, practised our scissor skills with cutting out characters and learnt about how to use scissors safely, sorted pictures to their initial sounds, followed chalk lines with a wet paintbrush and made Play-Doh faces. We have also begun phonics this week where we learnt some new sounds and played games where we had to blend, such as "can you touch your l-e-g?". In maths we have learnt about matching and discussed how we know something is a match. We have also learnt about sorting objects into different groups. Our teachers are very proud of how well we are settling in to Reception!

Year 1

Another busy and exciting week in Year 1! We continued our learning about humans by exploring our five senses. We headed outside for a senses walk around the school grounds and used our senses to spot things we could see, feel, hear and smell. (We had to think rather carefully about taste!) It was lovely to see the children being curious and talking about what they noticed around them. In English, our Traditional Tale this week was the much-loved "The Gingerbread Man." We had lots of fun joining in with the familiar words, "Run, run, as fast as you can!" The children used their phonics knowledge to write a list of the characters from the story and practised reading sentences, matching them to the correct pictures. We also made our teachers very proud by having a go at our first-ever spelling test. It turns out spelling tests can actually be quite fun! In Maths, we have been learning all about 'one more'. We worked within 10, using practical resources to find one more and then challenged ourselves to jump along a number line to find the next number. We finished the week with our first house event of the year – Potted Sports! The children loved showing off their throwing, running, catching and teamwork skills. There was lots of cheering, encouragement and, most importantly, fantastic team spirit. We were especially excited to earn some valuable points for our Houses!

Year 2

It's been another busy and enjoyable week of learning in Year 2! In English, we finished our writing unit based on the book *Grandpa Chatterji*. We explored how conjunctions can be used to extend our sentences and make our writing more interesting. We then planned and wrote a character description of Grandpa Chatterji, using our plans to help organise and develop our ideas. In Maths, we continued our learning about Place Value. We focused on placing numbers on number lines, comparing objects and comparing numbers. We then moved on to ordering numbers, thinking carefully about the value of each digit. In Topic, we explored the human and physical features that can be found across the UK. In RE, we discussed what some Christians believe about God and explored how God is represented in different pieces of artwork. We finished the week with Potted Sports, where the children showed fantastic enthusiasm and resilience as they took part in a range of activities.

Year 3

What a fantastic week of learning it has been in Year 3! It has been wonderful to see so many children signed up and enjoying clubs. This week, we have been learning about Skara Brae and exploring how this fascinating discovery has helped archaeologists learn more about life in the Stone Age. In maths, we concluded our place value unit by finding 1, 10 and 100 more and less than 3-digit numbers, as well as estimating numbers on number lines. In English, we put all of our instruction-writing skills from the past two weeks into practice by creating our own set of instructions explaining how to wash a Stone Age animal. We are incredibly proud of the children for all their hard work and enthusiasm this week. It was also wonderful to see so much perseverance, collaboration and determination on display during our House Team potted sports event. The children have truly been incredible and should be very proud of all they have achieved this week!

Year 4

It has been another lovely week in Year 4, where we have been concluding our work on 'Cracking Contraptions'. The children finished writing their own amazing non-chronological reports based on their own designs for a 'Clean-atron'. Perhaps they could try out some of its cleaning and tidying expertise on their bedrooms! The children finished designing their boxes and then got to work creating the circuit for their Steady Hand Games and are looking forward to inviting the Year 3 children to play them next week. We are all looking forward to starting our new There has been much excitement with our new term of clubs starting with the children enjoying a whole host of different activities. Thank you for coming to support the children complete the Potted Sports events today and we look forward to sharing their lovely work with you at Parents' evening next week. PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Year 5

What a fantastic week it has been in Year 5! The children have been busy, enthusiastic and curious, throwing themselves into their learning across the curriculum and impressing us with their hard work. This week marked a very exciting milestone in English, as we completed our first official piece of writing in Year 5! We have been building towards this since the beginning of term, and it was wonderful to finally see the children put all their hard work and learning into practice. We were incredibly impressed by the standard of their writing and are so proud of the progress they have already made. In maths, we continued to develop our understanding of place value. This week, we focused on partitioning numbers up to 1,000,000, as well as ordering and comparing numbers. The children have shown great confidence when working with increasingly large numbers and are building a fantastic foundation for our next topic. Our science learning took us on a journey to explore night and day. Using torches and globes, we investigated how the Earth's movement causes day and night. We were particularly impressed by the children's thoughtful and insightful questions, which led us to some fascinating discussions about polar day and polar night at the North and South Poles. Their curiosity really shone through! In DT, we completed our final designs for our space buggies. There was lots of excitement as the children carefully considered and refined their ideas. We are now ready to get into groups and begin preparing to bring these designs to life over the next few weeks! In art, we ventured into the art suite to experiment with a range of oil pastel techniques. The children enjoyed exploring different ways of using the pastels and developing their skills, ready to begin their final pieces next week. In PE, we finally had the chance to put our ultimate frisbee skills into practice in a real game. It was fantastic to see the children applying their throwing, catching and teamwork skills, while showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship as they took on the challenge of playing competitively. Well done, Year 5, on another brilliant week! Keep up the fantastic work!

Year 6

It has been a busy week in Year 6 which has seen us begin tackling our first round of SATs papers. We gave them all a go with great confidence and maturity and are looking forward to seeing how well we did and the areas we need to focus on for improvement. In our topic we have continued exploring the events of WW2, with a focus on propaganda and persecution of Jewish communities in history. In our English lessons we have been focusing on grammar skills ready for writing a balanced argument next week. Our week ended with our Potted Sports event where we were able to show our nurturing and pride values. It also gave our team captains and vice captains their first taste of leadership!