



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 1st October 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

We have had a great week in Year 1. Our Traditional Tale this week was The Three Little Pigs, which gave us lots of opportunities to get creative with the story. We enjoyed acting out different parts, reading the tale together and drawing out the key events. The story also inspired lots of fantastic construction work as we designed and built our own houses using a range of different materials. We had great fun testing our ideas and thinking about which materials would make the strongest houses! In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of counting backwards and finding one less. We made this practical and fun by jumping backwards through hoops while counting! We also used tens frames and dice to help us work out one less and explain how we knew the answer. Our Art learning took us on a journey to discover the work of the famous artist Henri Matisse. We looked carefully at some of his well-known pieces and talked about what we noticed. We then shared our opinions, discussing which pieces we liked and which ones we didn't, and explaining our reasons. It was lovely to see the children confidently sharing their ideas and listening to the opinions of others. It was also wonderful to see so many parents at Parents' Evening this week. We really enjoyed having the opportunity to share the children's learning and progress so far this year, and to talk about all the things they have been working hard on. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Year 2

What a fun, busy week we have had! In Maths, we have now completed our Place Value unit. We finished by revisiting counting in 2s, 5s and 10s before moving on to learning how to count in 3s. Next week, we will begin our new addition and subtraction unit. Meanwhile, in Geography, we have flown across the world to Australia! We went on a fact hunt and discovered lots of fascinating information about the country, including its famous landmarks. Please ask us a question about Australia and see what facts we can remember. In English, our learning has also taken us to Australia through our book Diary of a Wombat. We met a cheeky wombat who gets up to all sorts of mischief! To begin our learning, we predicted what the book might be about using the title, blurb and illustrations. We then brought the story to life by acting it out and thinking carefully about the wombat's point of view. After that, we expanded our vocabulary by playing a fun game of charades, where we acted out adventurous words such as 'furious' and 'over the moon' for our friends to guess. In PE, we enjoyed another football session. This week, we focused on developing our dodging skills through a game called sharks and our controlled kicks by playing clear your room.

Year 3

Well done to Year 3 for another busy and productive week of learning! We began exploring our new English text, *Stone Age Boy*, immersing ourselves in the story by searching for clues to make predictions, sequencing key events and using drama and hot seating activities to better understand the thoughts and feelings of the main character. In maths, we have continued developing our number knowledge by comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000, while also practising counting in 50s. In history, we investigated what homes were like during the Stone Age and put our knowledge into practice by planning and building our own shelters. We continued our learning on the Stone Age by exploring the significance of Stonehenge and introduced our new art topic on silhouettes. It has been fantastic to see so much creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the week. Great job, Year 3!

Year 4

We have had a very exciting week- we enjoyed showing the year 3 children our steady-hand games and got some great feedback for our evaluations. We have thrown ourselves into our new topic of Extreme earth – reminding ourselves what a world map looks like and finding out what the earth is actually made from! In English we have loved the starting our new book *The Firework maker's daughter* (definitely a favourite already!) getting to know Lila, Chulak and Hamlet the talking elephant – please ask us who their favourite character is so far! In maths, we have had fun learning about Roman Numerals – challenge us to write down some pretty large numbers in Roman numerals. Next week PE is Monday and Thursday!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week filled with learning, creativity and plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves. In maths, we finished our learning on place value and rounded off the week with our place value assessment. We were incredibly impressed by just how much the children have learnt in the short time they have been in Year 5, and by how confidently they were able to apply their knowledge independently. It has been wonderful to see their progress so far! In English, we began a new unit of learning inspired by the mythical land of Pandora from *Avatar*. We have been incredibly busy in English this week immersing ourselves in the world of Pandora, drawing and describing it, writing diary entries as explorers and even having a full-blown class debate about whether we should be able to travel to Pandora. In science, we continued our exciting learning about Earth and Space, turning our attention to the Moon. We explored why the Moon appears to look different each night and enjoyed developing our understanding of the different phases of the Moon. In art, we put the oil pastel techniques we learnt last week into practice by creating the background for our final pieces. Our RE learning has certainly given us plenty to think about! We continued exploring the Christian creation story and focused specifically on the 'Fall', considering what Christians believe this means for human suffering and Christian hope. It is fair to say that we have kick-started RE in Year 5 with a particularly in-depth topic, but it has been wonderful to see just how mature and respectful the children have been, particularly when listening to and considering the differing opinions of others. In computing, we continued learning about how to stay safe online. This week, we focused on how to search safely for information online and, most importantly, how to make our own judgements about the information we find. The children have been developing some really important digital skills that they can use both in and outside of school. We finished the week with some music, continuing to learn our song *Living on a Prayer*. The children have been practising playing along using both glockenspiels and recorders, and it has been fantastic to hear the music coming together! It has been a pleasure to see the children embracing the challenges that Year 5 brings and supporting one another along the way. We hope everyone has a well-deserved, relaxing weekend and returns ready for another week of exciting learning!

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!