



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 9th 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 read the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We discussed the different emotions in the story and linked it to ourselves by sharing with our talk partner how we were feeling that day and what made us feel like that. We spoke about how, if we are feeling sad or angry, what we might do to help us feel calmer. We learnt some new vocabulary and made an action to go with each word to help us remember it. Some words were timid, enraged, discombobulated and sobbing. Why not ask us the actions we did to match the words? We then completed a Drawing Club where we drew the Colour Monster, coloured it in to match the emotion we wanted it to feel and then wrote the initial sound of 'm' for monster. In maths, we have learnt about weight and discussed how we know if something is heavier or lighter, especially when using scales. We practised, in our maths groups, using resources to determine heavy and light objects and comparing them. In phonics, we have learnt the sounds 'g', 'o', 'c' and 'k'. We learnt what things begin with these sounds and practised writing them on whiteboards. Can you practise writing them at home? In PSHE, we discussed our emotions and how we're feeling. We spoke about what we need to do if we're hot, cold, thirsty or hungry, to help us feel more comfortable. We enjoyed using the instruments in the Music Suite with Mrs Peers on Wednesday and had fun with Ms Jackson in PE doing games outside. In our provision, we have made our portraits using paper plates, used sequins to follow lines in our Fine Motor area, experimented with scales in our Maths Area, made families using loose parts outside with conkers, sticks, stones and acorns, made Colour Monster collages by cutting up squares of paper, practised using different bikes and lots more!

Year 1

We have had a wonderful week in Year 1, filled with lots of learning, creativity and special moments together! In Art, we have continued our work on portraits. We have been inspired by the colourful and creative artwork of Henri Matisse and have used a range of brightly coloured shapes to create our very own portraits. In our English lessons, we have continued exploring the story of The Three Little Pigs. We used our phonic knowledge to write our own lists of the tools and materials we would need to build a really good house. We have also been practising writing sentences about the story, remembering to use capital letters and full stops and taking care to form our letters beautifully. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of comparing numbers and amounts. We have been using important mathematical vocabulary such as more, fewer, greater than and equal to. We have enjoyed explaining our thinking and comparing different groups of objects and numbers. Music has been lots of fun this week! We have been learning to play our instruments along with the tune we are learning. We found the notes G and C on the glockenspiel and worked hard to play them at the right time as an accompaniment. In RE, we have been learning about Harvest and talking about why it is an important time to be thankful. We are now looking forward to watching Year 4's Harvest Assembly next week to see what else we can learn.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another brilliant week of learning and fun! In Maths, we started our new unit on Addition and Subtraction. We focused on securely knowing our number bonds to 10 and fact families. We then used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us with number bonds to 100. In English, we continued with our book 'Diary of a Wombat'. We completed our first write as us being Mothball the wombat and what she did for a day. We tried to include all the key features of a diary that we learnt last week. We moved onto our skills lessons focusing on the suffix ed, conjunctions and noun phrases. We continued to enjoy our PE lessons on the field playing football. We practiced our ball skills and then played in teams against each other. We carried on with our computing unit on online safety and enjoyed learning all about Aboriginal people and the food they ate in our Geography lesson. We decided what food we liked the most and made our very own menu. We're not sure about eating kangaroo though!

Year 3

Year 3 have had another hardworking week, showcasing their best learning! In English, we have continued exploring the text *Stone Age Boy*. We have practised improving our adjectives, learned about prepositions to describe place, and used these to create prepositional phrases to start our sentences. We are excited to use all of these skills next week to write setting descriptions of a Stone Age cave. In maths, we have used our number bonds to 10 to support addition and subtraction within 100. We have continued developing our addition and subtraction skills by adding and subtracting ones and tens, using Dienes and our place value knowledge to support our learning. Our topic focus this week has been Stonehenge. In art, we explored primary and secondary colours in preparation for creating our final piece: a Stonehenge silhouette. Another fantastic week in Year 3, well done all!

Year 4

We have been busy with our Harvest rehearsals this week – all the children will have their lines sent home to practise ready for next Thursday and all costume details are on the back of this sheet! In maths, we have finally finished our unit on place value and were very pleased with the progress the children have made this term especially with their rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Please ask them to tell you which numbers round up or down! In English, we are writing some detailed setting descriptions linked to our story. We have really enjoyed creating our own similes about the Moon festival. Our focus on Geography has been on learning about the tectonic plates which cover the earth's crust and we will be focussing on mountains for the next few sessions – if you have visited any mountains either here in the UK or around the world – please send in some photos to our class emails.

Year 5

It has been another busy and exciting week for Year 5, with lots of opportunities to build on our learning and put our knowledge into practice. In Maths, we began our new topic on addition and subtraction. It has been very reassuring to see just how much the children have remembered from Year 4. They have been able to draw on this prior knowledge confidently and are already making great strides in their learning. In English, we started the week with our 'cold write'. After fully immersing ourselves in the world of Pandora last week, the children used a pre-made plan to create their own pieces of writing. Even though the purpose of this task is to help us identify areas for improvement, we were wowed by the high quality of the children's writing. We cannot wait to see their final pieces next week once they have fine-tuned their grammar and sentence structures! We also brought our Earth and Space science topic to a close this week. The children applied all of their knowledge to tackle some fascinating questions, including, 'How can we prove the Earth is not flat?' and 'How can we prove the Sun is at the centre of our Solar System?' We also researched astronomers throughout history and explored how their perspectives and understanding of space have changed over time. In Art, 5RG continued working on their rocket artwork, finalising their backgrounds, while 5SD completed their final pieces by adding their rocket foregrounds. We are incredibly proud of the creativity and care the children have shown in their work. The undoubted highlight of the week came on Friday, when we enjoyed an amazing trip to Winchester Science Centre. All of the children had a wonderful day, enthusiastically engaging with the workshops, investigating the hands-on exhibits and discovering many fascinating new facts. For many children, the most memorable part of the day was the planetarium show, where we revisited some of our learning about Earth and Space while also discovering plenty of new and exciting information. What a fantastic way to round off our final full week of this half term!

Year 6

In English this week we have completed our unit on balanced arguments and the children have applied their learning to an excellent piece of writing based on a debate about saving a crashed enemy pilot during WW2. We also completed our baseline assessments to guide our teaching over the next few months. In maths the focus has been on addition and subtraction, reminding the children about the key formal methods and the importance of making estimates prior to calculating. It has been great to see so many of the children remembering to bring their completed home learning into school - a key skill before they head off to secondary school next year. We continue to encourage regular reading at home - both to improve fluency and also to experience a wide range of texts. In music lessons we used the keyboards to play along and improvise to 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, and in French, we have continued to explore key vowel sounds. Our RE lessons have been all about the 'mezusah' case and scroll in Jewish traditions.