Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 5th November 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 been focusing on the season of autumn and we read the story The Leaf Thief. We discussed the signs of autumn that we noticed in the book and discussed with our talk partner what autumn signs we have seen out and about! This week we have started Dough Disco and Bucket Time during to help us develop our fine motor strength ready for writing and to support our listening and attention. In maths, we have moved on from patterns and started learning about numbers 1, 2 and 3. We learnt how to recognise 1-3, subitise to 3 using dots in different organisations and how to represent 1-3 differently, such as 3 can be made with 2 and 1, or 3 1's! On Friday, we took part in our first Remembrance Walk to Brookwood Cemetery where we showed respect by being quiet and remembering. We did a great job and our teachers are very proud of us. In music, we did some singing this week and in PE, we got ourselves changed independently and practised running on the field ready for Cross Country! In the provision this week, we have made leaf necklaces, dressed fairies in the correct coloured leaves by subitising to find the correct colour, followed autumnal patterns, made patterns and lots more!

Year 1

What an exciting first week back after half term. The classroom was buzzing with excitement as we discovered a mysterious portal containing a letter from Professor Klunk! This set us off on a week of doing what Professor Klunk loves best... Inventuring**!** We designed delicious new snacks for his friends, Noodle and Titch, and used our best adjectives to describe our creations. We can't wait to see what other adventures they can take us on. In Maths, we have completed our Place Value learning, developing a good understanding of numbers 1–10 and how to work with them. We drew numberlines (everywhere!) and worked out how to solve puzzles involving the missing numbers on the lines. In Science, we have been exploring the seasons and the weather they bring. We set up our own weather investigation, observing and recording the weather and temperature each day to see if we can spot any patterns or surprises. In PE, we became familiar with the cross-country course, ready to lace up our running shoes next week for the KS1 competition. We finished the week by making our teachers incredibly proud with a wonderful display of our Pirbright Values at the Remembrance Day service. We may be young, but we showed our respect beautifully. Well done, Year 1! What a fantastic week of learning, creativity and proud moments!

Year 2

What a fantastic week of learning we have had in Year 2! In Maths, we have been working hard on column addition. We started the week by adding two-digit numbers without exchanging before moving on to the trickier challenge of exchanging between the tens and one's columns by the end of the week. We made sure our tens and one's columns were lined up like soldiers and remembered our golden rules of one number per square and always start with the one's column! In English, we began our exciting new story, 'Mr Elephant's Rio Tour', which has taken us all the way to Brazil! We explored some of Brazil's famous landmarks and had great fun using alliteration to describe them with interesting adjectives. We came up with some wonderful word combinations! In Art, we explored the colourful and eye-catching artwork of Brazilian artist Romero Britto. We looked carefully at his artwork and shared our thoughts and opinions about what we liked and noticed. In PSHE, we have been learning about how everyone is different and how we should celebrate our similarities and differences. We discussed how people sometimes make assumptions about boys and girls, known as stereotypes, and thought about why these assumptions are not always true. We also explored the many ways boys and girls can be similar and why it is important to treat everyone with kindness and respect. What a busy and brilliant week!

Year 3

What an incredible first week back from half term Year 3 have had – it certainly has been busy! In Maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of using column addition and subtraction to exchange across 10. Why don't you ask us to show you what we have learnt? In English, we started our new text called The Stolen Spear. We spent time reading the first chapters of the text and focused on the vocabulary and its meaning. In science, we compared rocks and looked at the different properties of each. We even used starbursts to help us compare the different formations of rocks. Most excitingly, our trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Wednesday was a huge success! We were so proud of how well the children represented the school showing perseverance and collaboration whilst learning even more about the Stone Age. We really did have the best time! The children continued to make us proud this week with our annual trip to the cemetery for our remembrance service. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

It's been lovely to be back if a little chilly! We have been very excited to continue with our Extreme Earth topic, thinking about what a mountaineer needs to take with them if they are planning a trip to Mt Everest. We have finally started learning what makes volcanoes erupt! In PE we have started two new sports – netball and lacrosse alongside lots of practise for Cross country to get ready for next Friday. In English we are continuing reading The Firework maker's daughter with a focus on character description. We have loved our maths lessons this week using the column addition method and practising our exchanging- please give us some extra sums to do so we can show off our new skills. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Cross Country on Friday.

Year 5

We can hardly believe that we have already reached the second half term of Year 5 and are beginning the exciting countdown to Christmas! The time has flown by, and we have a feeling that this half term will be just as busy and exciting! In Maths, we have started our new topic on multiplication and division, focusing particularly on multiples and factors this week. These are important skills that will help us throughout the rest of the topic, as well as preparing us for our next topic on fractions. In English, we have kick-started our exciting new topic, *In Your Imagination*. The children were particularly thrilled to begin exploring our new class text, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. We can't wait to see where our imaginations take us! Continuing with our theme of *In Your Imagination*, Science saw us investigating different materials and their properties. We used torches, magnets and metal rods to test materials for transparency, magnetism and hardness. We were particularly surprised to discover that tin foil is not magnetic! We have also begun an exciting new topic in RE: Hinduism. As this is the first time we have formally studied this religion, we started with an introduction to Hindu beliefs and traditions before putting our new knowledge to the test with a quiz. Our teachers were very impressed by how engaged everyone was and how much we could remember already! In Computing, we have started another exciting new topic: coding! We have already begun creating our own codes and are looking forward to developing our programming skills further. We finished the week with a very special Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery, where we came together to mark Remembrance Day. All the adults were especially impressed by Year 5's wonderful behaviour and the respectful way in which the children represented our school. Finally, 5RG had an extra reason to celebrate as they enjoyed their attendance reward afternoon! A huge well done to 5RG – let's keep up the fantastic attendance and see if we can win the award again! What a wonderful start to the half term!

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been working on our division skills in our Maths lessons. We picked apart different questions and methods, exploring which would work best. Our English sessions have seen us start a new narrative unit where our first write will be a retelling of a train station scene with evacuees during WW2. We have been looking at lots of videos and sound effects which have helped us come up with some great ideas for the senses and some technical train vocabulary. Our topic sessions have been a mixture of history and DT this week as we have been learning about rationing. We had great fun following a war-inspired bread recipe and even more so when we came to taste it! We also began thinking about preservation and spoilage of food as part of our science learning and planned an investigation where we will be observing some of our homemade bread over time in different conditions to see which goes mouldy first. Our week ended with our remembrance service where we got to be role models and show our Pirbright values with helping our reception children. Our chosen poetry readers also did a great job - what a week!