Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 16th 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

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Reception! Our story focus this week has been Owl Babies. In Drawing Club, we learnt some vocabulary to support our story including habitat, comfort, relieved, reunion, brave, swooped, patience and fuss. Why not ask us to show you the actions we created to go with each word? We then drew the characters in the book and wrote the initial sounds 'p' and 's' as our magic codes. We had lots of fun discussing our magic codes and thinking about what our magic codes do! This week we have also done handwriting where we learnt how to sit at a table with a straight back and feet flat on the ground. We practised 'nip, flip, grip', to ensure we were holding our pencils correctly. Can you help us practise this at home? We learnt how to draw a straight line carefully and experimented with longer and shorter lines. In Dough Disco we followed a routine where we practised squeezing, rolling and pinching. As part of our Understanding of the World, we looked at our baby photos and discussed how we have changed since we were a baby. We thought about how our teeth, hair, clothes have changed and that we can now talk and walk because we have grown up and learnt new things! We enjoyed music with Mrs Peers on Wednesday and on Thursday, we had a lovely time during Family Lunch. We also strengthened our gross motor skills and balance on the trim trail and climbing frame and also developed our fine motor skills by following a drawing tutorial called Squiggle Time! In maths we have learnt about repeating patterns (a, b, a, b) and made some of our own with natural resources. Why not ask us to show you some with objects at home? We have loved making our families with conkers, sticks and leaves, painting pictures, mixing colours and lots more!

Year 1

We can't believe we have reached the end of our first half term already! The children have worked incredibly hard and made wonderful progress across the curriculum. In English, we finished our work on Traditional Tales by reading *The Little Red Hen.* We explored the characters and learnt how to use adjectives to describe them, developing our descriptive writing skills. In Maths, we continued comparing numbers and began using the symbols less than (<), greater than (>) and equal to (=) to show our understanding. As we approach Harvest, our RE learning has focused on gratitude. We explored how Christians show thankfulness and reflected on the things we are grateful for in our own lives. With the changing weather, we have also begun exploring the transition from summer to autumn, noticing changes in the weather and the natural world around us. Well done, Year 1, for a fantastic first half term! We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and returns refreshed for another exciting half term of learning.

Year 2

How has a half term gone by already? What a wonderful half term it has been! In maths, we began the week by adding and subtracting ones from two-digit numbers. We also practised making ten first when adding, helping us to calculate more easily. For example, when adding 8 + 5, we make 10 by adding 2, then add the remaining 3 to make 13. In English, we planned and wrote our own diary entries inspired by *The Diary of a Wombat.* We had great fun imagining our own cheeky wombat and the mischief it might get up to! We included a range of conjunctions and interesting noun phrases to make our writing more exciting for the reader. In geography, we explored the weather in Australia and compared it with the weather here in the UK. In music, we enjoyed our final lesson of Hands, Feet, Heart, practising singing the song and playing the notes C, A, B and G on the glockenspiels and keyboards. We are so proud of everyone's hard work this half term. Thank you for your continued support and kindness and we hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Year 3

It's hard to believe we have only been in Year 3 for six weeks. The children are really demonstrating their Year 3 learning skills, and this week has been no different! In maths, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction, focusing on using written methods to calculate answers accurately. We even introduced the concept of exchanging when there are too many ones in a column, and the children approached this new challenge with great enthusiasm. In English, it was time to showcase our setting description writing skills and all the knowledge we have built up over recent weeks. Using Stone Age Boy as our inspiration, the children planned and wrote detailed descriptions of the cave setting, carefully selecting adventurous adjectives and prepositional phrases to bring their writing to life. Their finished pieces were a real pleasure to read and demonstrated fantastic imagination and effort. Alongside this, we completed our Stonehenge artwork, creating striking silhouettes of the monument against their watercolour backgrounds. Well done for another fabulous week, Year 3!

Year 4

What a week! Our Harvest assembly went so well - the children all said their lines, sang the songs and joined in all of the actions so well! All the excitement (and that's just the teachers!) and practise was worth it. Thank you for sending in such great costumes - they all looked amazing! We have been busy writing a setting description of the Full moon festival in our English this week that has been full of expanded noun phrases, similes and fronted adverbials. In maths we have been collating information about the height of different mountains and turning that data into a bar graph. We had a fabulous football session this week with either Ultimate football coaching or the amazing Ms Jackson. We hope you hall have a wonderful long half-term and come back ready for Autumn 2. (But, don't forget to practise those times tables!)

Year 5

As we reach the final week of the half term, Year 5 have been busy putting the finishing touches to several exciting topics! In Maths, we completed our addition and subtraction topic, and we have been incredibly impressed by how much the children remembered from Year 4 and how confidently they applied their knowledge to achieve some phenomenal results. In English, we brought our topic on Pandora to a close, with the children showcasing their creativity through some fascinating non-chronological reports about the incredible creatures that inhabit this mysterious world. Over in PE, we finished our ultimate frisbee topic with a nail-biting tournament! At the beginning of the unit, we wondered whether we would ever manage to play a successful game, but the children persevered, developed their skills and teamwork, and every team played brilliantly. We have also completed our PSHE topic, Being Me in My World. The children have shown wonderful maturity when discussing rules and responsibilities, exploring why we have them and how they can differ around the world. This half term has been a brilliant start to Year 5, and we are particularly proud of how well the children have adapted to new adults, routines and expectations. We are delighted with the progress they have made already and leave this half term feeling confident that it is onwards and upwards from here! We cannot wait to see what the children achieve next. For now, though, it is time to put our feet up and enjoy a very well-deserved TWO-WEEK BREAK! Have a wonderful half term, everyone!

Year 6

We've been working on Remembrance poetry this week and to support this took a walk down to the War Graves Commission cemetery to experience the calmness and respectful atmosphere of a place that commemorates our fallen military personal and those of our allies. The children's behaviour demonstrated our school values of respect and pride. In our maths lessons, we have been working on multiplication of 2 digit numbers as well as other arithmetic skills. In music we have been collaborating to form groups, using ukeleles, keyboards, glockenspiels and drums. Our PE focus has been gymnastics and football. We have explored two major events during WW2: the evacuation of Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain, using audio recordings of key speeches, film and images to bring this period of the war to life for the children. They all understand the importance of our brave fighter pilots and the key role that the Spitfire and Hurricane planes played in these battles.