



Pirbright's Learning Week

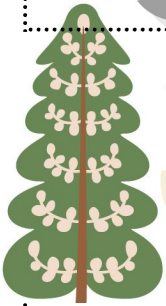
Friday 5th December 2025

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 and discussed traditional tales (Little Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks) and also continued learning about post workers and how they help us. We spoke about what an address is, why we need an address and how the post workers know where to post our letters. We also spoke about stamps and how they're necessary for letters to be posted successfully.



Some of us already knew our addresses but some of us were a little unsure; it would be great if you could help us learn our address for the future! On Monday we begun by making Christmas Cards and enjoyed choosing a colour, cutting out triangles and decorating our Christmas Tree. We then found our envelope by trying to spot our address and inserted the card. We learnt how to seal them and why they need to be sealed. In maths, we learnt about how to combine shapes with 4 sides, how to spot shapes in the environment and the difference between day and night. We've spent a lot of time doing rehearsals for our Nativity and singing all the songs. We are so excited for next week when we get to perform it to the school and our families! We had enormous fun learning about Stevie Wonder and we loved listening to his song 'Happy Birthday!'. We then got the djembe drums out and explored 'call and response'. We listened to different rhythms and copied them back. In French we learnt how to say the numbers 6-10 and on Wednesday, we all walked to the local post box where we posted our Christmas Cards home. We're looking forward to seeing them come through our letter box! On Friday, we ended Forest School with learning how to be safe around a fire and toasting marshmallows! What a fun-filled week!



Year 1

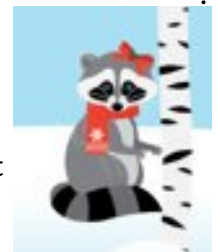
Following on from last week's introduction to timelines and the Great Fire of London, this week, we have continued our exciting history by gradually building our own timelines of the Great Fire, helping us to understand how the fire began and how it unfolded. We began by learning about

Thomas Farriner - a significant figure from history - and how he was responsible for the start of the fire. We also learned about an important place in history - Pudding Lane - and were able to use our knowledge of maps to locate it on a map of London. As the week went on, we looked further at where the fire spread and what caused it to spread so quickly. In art, we used chalks and pastels to create a background of flames. We then drew, cut and stuck the silhouettes of traditional Tudor houses onto the foreground of our artwork. In English, we thought back to our science learning on the senses to imagine what it might have been like to be a child during the fire. The children produced some truly spectacular senses sentences, carefully considering what they would have been able to see, hear, smell, taste and feel in 1666. To round off the week, we even managed to squeeze in some dance. The children worked in unison and used mirroring techniques to perform a narrative dance that retold the story of the Great Fire. This was all in addition to our Bethlehem Bake Off rehearsals, where we have also been singing and dancing our hearts out. What a busy but creative week it has been in Year 1!



Year 2

Year 2 are continuing to get into all things Christmas! We have had lots of fun rehearsing our nativity and we are looking forward to showing it next week. In Maths, we have recalled our previous knowledge of using column addition and subtraction with and without exchange to subtract 2-digit numbers. We have also been solving word problems using addition and subtraction and trying to work out whether the question was asking us to add, subtract - or both! We have now moved on to learning about Kenya, which links to our English unit too. We have started our next writing unit focusing on the book *Lila and the Secret Rain*, which is set in a Kenyan village. We immersed ourselves in the book by creating rain dances, understanding the emotions of the characters, and using drama to show what is happening in the story. Our acting skills from the nativity came in handy! We continued our journey through Kenya by learning about the Big Five animals you would find on safari and went on a fact hunt to answer questions about these animals. As well as this, we designed our own African masks and had great fun bringing these to life by making them with clay.



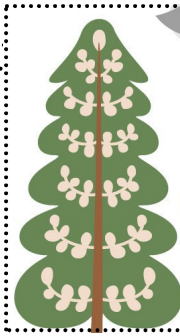
Year 3

It has been a week of rehearsals this week – both Year 3 and whole school with pre-tech and tech rehearsals taking place to ensure everything is slick for next week. On Friday, during the tech rehearsals we had the opportunity to watch the show from beginning to end... you are certainly in for a treat! Despite Christmas show madness taking place, we still managed to squeeze in lots of lovely learning. In maths, we recapped multiples of 5 and 10 and the different patterns we could find between them. We also moved on to look at multiplying and dividing by 3. The Yr3 staff were blown away by the times tables knowledge Year 3 already have! In English, we have begun our new unit of writing with a focus on non-fiction. We are collecting facts and consolidating our knowledge of the Stone Age to write non-chronological reports. We can't wait for you to read them. We have continued developing our touch-typing skills as well as focusing on Three Little Birds in our music sessions. Friday afternoon also saw us start to look at Celtic designs following the Stone Age. Phew! Make sure you get lots of rest for performance week next week!



Year 4

Well, Christmas has certainly arrived in Year 4! We have Advent calendars, tinsel and Christmas trees to brighten up our classrooms. We are so thrilled that 4LB and 4BC came first and second in the TTRS battle – a huge well done to all of the children for supporting their classes so well and they should be so proud of their results. In English we are focusing on diary writing for our last unit of work – planning and writing a diary from Chulak's perspective from The Firework Maker's daughter. In maths we are looking at the 3x 6x 9x tables and seeing all the patterns in them which make them easier to learn. Our Geography has been so interesting this week – investigating the Ring of Fire around the Pacific Ocean and discovering what happens during an earthquake, although maybe more importantly what to do if there is an earthquake – please ask us what Drop, Cover and Hold on means! We have also created some amazing Volcanic art. Rehearsals are going well for our Christmas performance and we can't wait to see you at our shows next week! Merry Christmas to you all!



Year 5

As our 'In Your Imagination' topic continues, we have enjoyed reading a couple more chapters from 'Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone'. This week, our writing focus has been on composing our own version of the chapter where Harry first arrives at Hogwarts. After producing a first draft on Tuesday, we spent the rest of the week practising some of the skills that are particularly important to narrative writing such as clear story arcs and detailed setting descriptions. Our Maths work this week has seen the children building on their developing confidence with fractions by adding together two or more fractions and then expressing their answers in the simplest possible form – impressive stuff! In Science, we have continued to learn about the similarities and differences between different forms of life; this week, we have been comparing the contrasting life cycles of various animals. Of course, being just a few days away from our first performance of 'Elf', we have also been committing a lot of time to rehearsals, polishing up our singing, dancing and acting in preparation for next week's shows!



Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have written some dramatic narratives in English as Bilbo, Gandalf and the dwarves navigate the high peaks of the Misty Mountains in a thunderstorm. It has been great to see the children applying their previous learning and writing skills to this genre. In our topic work, we have researched scone recipes and are adapting them using ingredients available during the 1940s and the period of rationing. Next week we bake! In maths, we have continued with our unit on fractions, as well as completing some assessments to see how the children are doing overall. Towards the end of the week we continued working on our Year 6 scene for the Christmas Show, which was a lot of fun. The children are now learning the words to All Night Long by Lionel Richie and preparing for the show.

