



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 9th May 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 been learning about the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'.

We've begun our topic on growing beans and discussed what our bean plants will need to grow and survive. In maths, we have learnt about length and whether objects are short, tall or long and compared them. We practised these skills when comparing the lengths of our feet in our new shoe shop roleplay. In phonics, we have been practising short vowel words and longer words and worked hard with our writing, thinking carefully about letter formation. In the provision this week, we have had a shoe shop roleplay where we measured our feet, matched phonics pictures to phase 3 phrases, used numicon to make numbers to 20, made a numicon city with numbers to 20, engaged in maths games on the Interactive Whiteboard, made a paper chain snake in the fine motor area and used tweezers to pick our items from a spider web tuff tray, developed our gross

motor skills in the outside climbing frame area, made wedding cakes in the sandpit, hunted bugs in the woods and looked for caterpillar eggs, made a nature insect and made symmetrical butterfly paintings and measured the lengths of gloves and socks. In French, we recapped the names of sea creatures and learnt how to say 'seahorse' in French; why not ask us to tell you what it is? We also reminded ourselves about what will happen during our exciting



Year 1

Although it has been a shorter week, it has still been filled to the brim with learning! Year One have been immersed in maths, focussing on length and height. We have practised our measuring skills practically, exploring the vocabulary 'shorter' 'taller' and 'longer' before measuring items in the classroom using non-standard and standard measurement. Everyone listened carefully when learning how to use a ruler properly, remembering the important rules such as lining the item up at the 0cm mark. Ask us which were the longest and tallest items that we measured! We have concentrated on phonics in our English lessons this week, revising Phase 5 sounds and reading 'real' and 'alien' words to practise our blending skills. In Science, we have continued to look at plants. We learnt what the various parts of a plant are called and the important jobs they each do. We then went on to look at a range of fruits and vegetables and discovered that they came from different parts of plants. Some of us were very surprised that you could eat so many parts! It has been a pleasure learning and performing our song in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE

Day. We hope you enjoyed watching the video on our school website!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have travelled back in time to explore the Victorian era! We've been learning where the Victorians fit on a timeline and finding out all about Queen Victoria—who she was, why she was important and how her reign shaped history. In English, we've started a wonderful new book called Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine, by Gloria Whelan which has led to fun learning about what bathing machines were. The children imagined what a day at the seaside would be like in Victorian times, explored some new vocabulary and learnt what a speech is and why they are used. Meanwhile, in Maths we have been tackling problems involving mass—reading scales in grams and kilograms, comparing weights, and using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve real-life problems. We've also been getting hands-on with technology, practising our coding skills on the laptops. As well as this we are continuing to focus on our grammar knowledge, please quiz us on what a noun, adjective, verb, adverb and a conjunction are.





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Year 3

Having finished our mini topic about magnets, this week we began our summer term topic 'Engaging Environments'. We looked at the structure of the Earth, exploring the invisible lines of the Equator and the Greenwich meridian, as well as researching the Northern and Southern hemispheres and the animals which live there. Our English lessons have led us to finish "Little Wolf's Book of Badness" and to plan and write an informal letter back home to describe some of the mischievous things that we have learnt on our adventures. Let's just hope that we haven't learnt too much from Little Wolf! In Maths we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock, building on our knowledge of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, we are now learning to tell the time in five and one minute intervals. Why not challenge us to tell the time at home so we can show you? Alongside the rest of the country, we also enjoyed learning about the importance of VE Day and sharing in the 80th anniversary celebrations.



Year 4

The 4-day week hasn't stopped us having another action-packed week here in Year 4! Tuesday morning saw us come back to school with a bang, starting our new maths unit all about decimals. This week we have looked at tenths as decimals, on a place value chart and have practiced dividing 1- and 2-digit numbers by 10. In English, we have tightened our skills of using fronted adverbials in non-fiction writing and spent a few days writing biographies about famous deaf musician Evelyn Glennie. She is quite the inspiration! Why don't you ask us to tell you some facts? On Tuesday afternoon, we had a lovely time recording our VE day song for you to watch and listen to... we hope you enjoyed it! Wednesday saw us head over to the tennis courts for our third session, where we focused on positioning to receive the ball. To finish off our mini sound unit, we explored different techniques to create 3D paper sculptures representing sound waves. On Friday afternoon, we listened to some lovely music and used our knowledge of sounds to create a beautiful piece of art work. Now we have finished sound, we are ready to hit the ground running with the Romans on Monday...



Year 5

It has been another short week but another very busy one in Year 5. The focus once again has been all things Anglo-Saxon. We began by using the year 5 writing wishlist to start writing excellent sentences to use in our reports, which we are continuing to develop. We looked at historical sources and investigated what different artefacts could tell us about how people lived and worked in the past. We learnt about the archaeological site, Sutton Hoo, which has been the source of many Anglo-Saxon artefacts. In Art, we learnt about illuminated letters, and Anglo-Saxon runes, creating some lovely illuminated letters, illustrated with accurate themes for the time period. Of course, the highlight of the week was our trip to Woking on Wednesday. After studying Islam during the spring term, and learning all about the history of the Shah Jahan mosque, it was great to see the real thing and to have the opportunity to learn even more about both the building and the faith. Poor Mr Habib didn't know what he was getting himself into when he asked, "Any questions?!" We also had a great time at the Light Box, enjoying an informative tour of the galleries before having the opportunity to design and create story-telling puppets.



Year 6

We are so impressed by the children's commitment to their preparation for the SATs next week. We have been revising some of the key elements of our SPaG - just to support the children with the trickier grammar and punctuation. In maths, we had a practise arithmetic test and the children scored really well - the result of all their efforts this year! We enjoyed the opportunity to commemorate VE Day and it was a chance to revisit the work we did in our WW2 Topic back in the autumn. Away from the core subjects, the children enjoyed a music lesson with Mrs Peers - working on their own compositions - and also PE with Ms Jackson. On Tuesday, we took two girls' teams from Year 6 to Woking FC and returned victorious. Well done, girls!

