



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 4th April 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 learnt about Easter! We have played lots of tricky word BINGO games as well as practising our writing during phonics. We played a memory game where we looked at the images on the board and closed our eyes. One was taken away and we had to remember which one was missing! We wrote down the answer on our whiteboards using our phonics sounds to help us spell it correctly! In maths, we have learnt about complex patterns and had a go at making our own in our Busy Bee groups! We made a pattern with our bodies such as jump, clap, spin, jump, clap, spin and had to identify what comes next. We made complex patterns with objects too and even used 3D shapes to make a 2D pattern by pressing them into play-doh. As part of our Understanding of the World, we melted chocolate to make Easter nests. We learnt what happens when chocolate is melted and how to reverse this change to make chocolate hard again. We learnt the effect of heating and cooling and were very excited to eat them on Friday!



In our provision this week, we have decorated Easter eggs using pom poms, pegs and paint, made Easter baskets, made perfume with flowers in the outside tuff tray, played dino dash to see whose dinosaur made it to the end of the phonics digraph ladder first and used different lines to make a funny looking bunny in the mark making area. We continued to have lots of fun bug hunting and playing in the sandpit in the lovely weather. Have a lovely Easter break!



Year 1

This week, Year One have finished reading 'Journey'. The story ended with our main character making friends with another child and both of them using their magic crayons to draw a bicycle so they could ride away on a new journey together.



Where would they go? Ask us about our amazing ideas! We used our imagination to act out different scenarios and also wrote about the adventures they might have. In Maths, we have continued to practise subtraction within 20, with a focus on number lines, and using the vocabulary of finding the 'difference between' two numbers. We enjoyed using the Numicon to make number sentences and say them out loud to practise our subtraction vocabulary. We have also completed our design and technology project this week. Our moving pictures illustrated the achievements of so many different explorers and showed off our understanding of a range of mechanisms. We are all very proud of our finished projects and agreed that we had learnt about a lot of people as part of our 'Far, Far Away' topic. In our RE lessons, we have reflected on the Easter story and how important it is for Christians. What a busy term it has been!



Year 2

This week in Year 2, we've had a fun and busy time as we head towards Easter – hard to believe there's only one term left! We've been diving into the world of minibeasts, sewing our own

creations and finishing our non-chronological reports, which we've now published. We also took the time to evaluate our minibeast hand puppets, thinking about what worked well and what we could improve. In maths, we've wrapped up our lessons on length and started learning all about mass. We've also been practising our SPaG skills to make our writing even stronger. Finally, we've been learning all about how to stay safe in the sun which has been super helpful this week.

It's been a term full of creativity, learning, and important life skills! Here's to the Summer term.





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Year 3

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Pop-up museum on Wednesday and to hear the pride and enthusiasm with which the children shared this term's Exhilarating Egyptians' work. In preparation for this event the children have been busy moulding and painting their clay cartouches and adding finishing touches to a range of other artefacts. We have also finished our English work, writing a diary entry about the historical moment that Carter and Carnarvon opened Tutankhamun's tomb. We were so impressed to see them including so many of the objectives from the Year 3 Writing wishlist. This week we have really enjoyed the practical work in our maths lessons too as we have been measuring mass and capacity. We have learnt about the different units we can use and then practised converting between these as well as adding and subtracting measures to solve problems. Maybe over Easter we could put these skills to use by helping out in the kitchen?



Year 4

It's been another fabulous week to end the term and the end of our Greek project with a focus on the legacy the Ancient Greeks left behind. We started the week by writing our own Greek Myth – the 13th Labour of Heracles – including our own mythical creatures. The children worked really hard to use their plans, interesting vocabulary, fronted adverbials and conjunctions over two days to ensure their writing was the best! We are certainly looking forward to reading them all. Why don't you ask us to retell our stories to you? In Maths this week, we have continued our fractions learning by comparing and ordering mixed number fractions, exploring improper fractions and converting between the two. Tuesday was a very practical day indeed! The morning was spent enjoying our final Forest School session where we made a camp fire and enjoyed smores as well as building dens and crafts. The afternoon saw Team Year 4 collaborate together so brilliantly to fulfil our Enterprise project... over 300 Easter nest cakes were made! Year 4 then did a fantastic job of selling them on Wednesday and Thursday to raise money for some staple Year 4 stationery. On that note, please can we ask that pencil cases are refreshed with the correct equipment for the summer term. We hope you enjoy a well earned rest this Easter Break... well done Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 have been so busy this week, completing all our topic learning before the Easter break. In English, the children have begun to plan a story featuring a diverse character, with some excellent ideas showing just how creative the writers in Year 5 are! We will finish drafting and editing these stories after the holidays. As part of our learning about diversity, and Islam in particular, we have had a go at sketching the architectural features of the Shah Jahan Mosque, which we are looking forward to visiting next term. We also created some artwork in an Islamic style, based on repeated geometric patterns. In Music we have continued to explore the hip-hop genre, which we are absolutely loving! We listened to the *Fugees* song, 'Ready or Not' and identified the musical features, including the song structure and the way the different vocal parts have different roles. We also explored the 'Quickbeats' app, where we composed our very own hip-hop drum beats! Of course, a good proportion of this week was spent in learning lines, rehearsing and perfecting the Easter Assembly. We were very impressed with the final performance - the whole school really enjoyed the show - a fantastic way to finish the term.



Year 6

It has been a week of angles in maths! We have measured, drawn and calculated missing angles in shapes and diagrams. The children have done very well. Ask them some facts about angles in a triangle or on a straight line! In music we completed our Carole King topic, 'You've Got a Friend'. We consolidated our knowledge on note values and applied this knowledge when selecting our performance part for this song. Some of the children performed the chords to the song, some performed the melody on the keyboard and some used the glockenspiels to accompany the melody.

We are nearing the end of our 'Marvellous Me!' topic and will have just a couple of science lessons to complete on our return. The cushions made in DT are fabulous - some of the best we've seen!

