



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 28th February 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

Reception have had a great first week back after half term and have all worked so hard with their learning. Our new topic is People Who Help Us and this week we learnt about Firefighters! We read the story 'Superhero like you' by Ranj Singh and discussed what Superhero job we would like to do when we're older. We discussed that all jobs make us Superheroes as

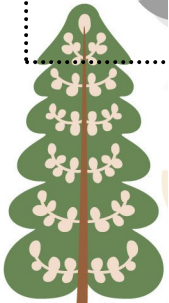


they help people in different ways! Why not ask us what Superhero we want to be when we grow up? We then did a Drawing Club where we drew our Superhero and wrote a sentence, thinking carefully about using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We also watched a video on Firefighters and with our talk partners, discussed some facts about what we learnt. In Art, we made split pin Superheroes! We carefully cut out the body parts, used split pins to make moving parts and stuck our own face on top! They look brilliant! In Maths, we have been learning about Odd and Even numbers and doubling. We worked as a group to sort number representations into Odd and Even, used pom poms to double numbers and practised our number formation and counting in our Independent Iguana group. In PE, we continued to perfect our gymnastics skills and on Friday, we had a very exciting visit from the Fire Brigade! We learnt some interesting facts, saw their uniforms, asked lots of questions and even got to see the fire engine, walk through it and have a go at spraying the hose!



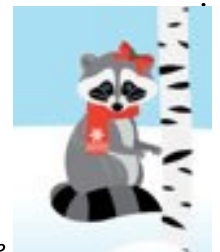
Year 1

The first week back after half term has been busy in Year One as usual! We started to look at our new book in English ('Journey' by Aaron Becker). We discussed the illustrations and decided that we had lots of questions about who the characters were and what they might be doing. We wrote down our questions, remembering to use capital letters at the start of each sentence and a question mark at the end. We then tried to answer our questions using our inference skills, studying the pictures for clues. In Maths, we continued exploring numbers to 20, practising finding one more and one less and using number lines to support our skills. We have had a Science focus to our topic work this week. We learnt about materials and used lots of different vocabulary to describe their properties. We then conducted an experiment to test how different surfaces affect how far a toy car will travel. We had great fun in Continuous Provision re-creating our own experiments afterwards! Ask us why smooth surfaces allow a vehicle to travel faster.



Year 2

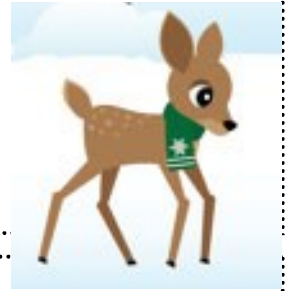
We jumped straight back into our learning this week and have shown brilliant positive attitudes and great curiosity. Our time reading 'The Secret Dinosaur' has come to an end and we have now moved on from learning about dinosaurs to focusing on animals and minibests. In English we have enjoyed starting a new storytelling unit using a clip called 'Caterpillar Shoes'. We watched the rhyming video and created puppets to help us retell and sequence the story and practised using adventurous vocabulary. In Science we began our new unit on learning about the basic needs animals including humans need to survive and then discussed and drew food chains. We continued our unit of money in Maths, where we added amounts of money and compared them against each other using greater than, less than or equals to. We also looked into the positive impact of moving our bodies and how any type of exercise is great for our physical health and mental health. On Wednesday, once the rain had cleared, we put our dodging skills to the test with rugby balls. The children had to dodge their peers to get the ball across the line. It was lovely to see so many of you at Learning Look this afternoon. The children are always so proud of their learning and it is a joy to see you enjoy it together.



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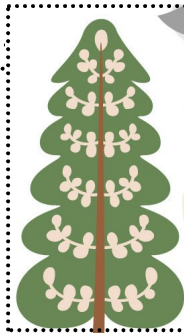
Year 3

This half term began slightly mysteriously when we discovered a strange suitcase in our classroom! Having looked through its contents we were excited to learn that it contained clues to our new English text "Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery." We have begun reading the text, truly immersing ourselves in the plot by participating in role plays as the characters and learning how a dialogue between characters can help us learn more about them. Our topic work has seen us investigating the ancient way of transporting water using a shaduf. Employing our DT skills, we have investigated levers and pivots to help us explain how a shaduf worked and have then worked in groups to design our own modern day version. In Maths, we have begun working on fractions, recognising the denominator and numerator and being able to explain what each of these terms means. Our PE lessons have seen us choreographing our own dance and learning to throw and catch basketballs.



Year 4

What a fabulous start to our new term and the Amazing Ancient Greeks! We dived straight into our new topic on Monday – discovering just how long ago the Ancient Greeks were around! We were intrigued to find out that Greece was made up of many different City States and have definitely decided whether we would rather have been an Athenian or a Spartan! Please ask me which one I chose and why? Greek Day was brilliant – we loved our costumes (huge thank you to parents for providing such brilliant outfits!) and thoroughly enjoyed striking some gorgeous Greek poses, puzzling some Greek maths and delving into the mythical world of the Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. We made some fabulous fact files – please ask us who our favourite God is although explaining the family tree is still a challenge! In the afternoon we learnt about the importance of Greek jars to daily life, and then made our own designs on a cut-out version which I'm sure you'll be impressed by when you see them at our Learning Look this afternoon. We have started our new book in Guided reading *Who Let the Gods out* by Maz Evans which is proving to be a really funny read. We have completed our multiplication and Division unit in maths this morning and can't wait to start length and perimeter on Monday! We can't wait for World Book Day on Friday – please bring in one of your favourite books to share with the class.



Year 5

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely break. It's been great to hit the ground running this week, as we kick started our new topic 'The Diversity of Life'. It has been wonderful getting stuck into some really mature conversations around this theme, and looking at ways that we can celebrate our similarities and differences. 5SF will also be using these ideas as the basis for their class assembly on 21st March (10:00am). As a visual stimulus, to get us thinking about diversity, we have watched the short Pixar clip 'For the Birds' and used it as the basis for our writing activities, including some kennings poetry. To develop our skills when working scientifically, we have begun a project thinking about ways in which we are all different in class and collected, grouped, classified and presented the data. In Maths this week the children have continued to develop their understanding of decimal numbers, including rounding them to different numbers of decimal places. We have also started to make links between our understanding of hundredths (in fractions and decimals) to the new concept of percentages. Finally, in PE, Ms Jackson put the whole year group through their paces on Tuesday afternoon in search of a new team of PhysiFUN leaders to support the younger children's athletic development.



Year 6 This week, in Year, 6 we have been exploring fractions, decimals and percentages in our Maths lessons. We have worked on building our confidence with converting these and using this skill when tackling problems. In our English lessons, we have continued with our reading of 'Holes' and have been planning and writing non-chronological reports about the fictional Yellow-Spotted Lizard, which is mentioned so much in the text. We considered our audience, features which can be included and tried hard to be very formal with our vocabulary choices and structure. In our topic lessons, we have been learning about the function of the lungs with a range of different activities including a mini investigation into our lung capacity. We enjoyed the first of our tennis lessons on Wednesday and hope for better weather next week so that we can head over to the tennis court. As well as this, we also had a music lesson with Mrs Peers where we spent lots of time rehearsing 'A New Year Carol' by Benjamin Britten in preparation for performing. On Thursday afternoon we had the opportunity to visit Pirbright Church and Rev Alex talked with us about the features of the Church as well as answering many of our questions about The Trinity—our RE topic. Our visit concluded with some fantastic bell ringing with Mrs Douetil and our performance with Mrs Peers—the singing certainly sounded even more fantastic in this setting.

