



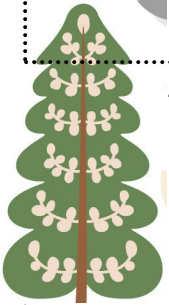
Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 14th 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

We can't believe we have already reached February half term and are over half way through Reception! Our teachers are so proud at how much progress we have made so far! We started this week by learning some exciting facts all about polar bears! We were surprised at some, for example, polar bears actually have see-through fur and black skin! Why not ask us to teach you some more polar bear facts? In maths, we have been practising 1 more and 1 less than number 6, 7 and 8 and continued to learn how to subitise. We used our knowledge of 1-5 subitising to help us. In Art we have painted an Arctic background by thinking about how to change the shade of a colour by adding white and making the shade lighter as we move down the page. We then stuck icebergs and Arctic animals onto the collage and used different materials such as tin foil, cotton wool, bubble wrap and tissue paper to add texture. On Wednesday, we enjoyed music with Mrs Peers and in PE with Ms Jackson, we practised for the Cross Country! In Music we completed on topic, 'Everyone'. We listened to a Horn Concerto by Mozart and discovered that the Horn is a brass instrument, just like the trumpet! We got the drums out and rehearsed a steady beat in time to the Horn concerto and worked really hard to listen to each other and count a steady 1, 2, 3, 4! We also worked in pairs to perform on the glockenspiels whilst also singing along to well known songs such as Rock- a -bye Baby and Twinkle Twinkle. In our provision this week, we have used water colours to paint backgrounds, used pins and elastic bands so strengthen our hand muscles, made bubble wands outside with pipe cleaners, filled in missing digraphs in words, made split pin polar bears and made cakes in the sandpit area. Have a lovely half term!

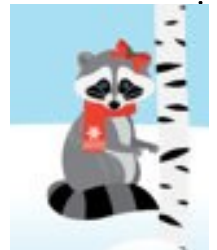


Year 1

Following on from our trip to Brooklands Museum, Year 1 began the week by writing a recount about our day. We put all of our English skills into practice as we remembered to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We used time connectives to help sequence the events of the day and tried to include some adjectives in our writing. In Maths, we have continued to explore teen numbers and completed lots of activities using different manipulatives to represent tens and ones. Our topic of 'Far, Far Away' has taken us around the world this week, as we looked at the journeys made in Africa, the Middle East and the Far East by Ibn Battutu in the 1300s and Henry Morton Stanley's explorations in Africa searching for Dr David Livingstone. We learnt about what they would have seen on their journeys and thought about what you would need to take with you on an expedition. Ask us what we would pack in our backpack if we were exploring the jungles of Africa!

Year 2

This week has been full of exciting learning and achievements! For Safer Internet Day, we focused on how to stay safe online, including keeping personal information private and recognising pop-ups and scams. We also wrapped up our class book *The Secret Dinosaur* and wrote book reviews, reflecting on the story and sharing our opinions. In History, we began writing non-chronological reports about Mary Anning. We explored the features of these reports, such as subheadings, paragraphs, and bullet points, then researched facts about Mary Anning using books to help us create our reports. In Maths, we continued our unit on money. This began with recognising coins and notes and then moved onto counting pence and pounds and combining them to make different amounts. Please quiz us on recognising coins and notes and challenge us with "how much change would you get if...?" questions! We ended the week with cross-country, where we were incredibly proud of the resilience and kindness the children demonstrated. It's been another half-term jam-packed with learning and we are so proud of everything





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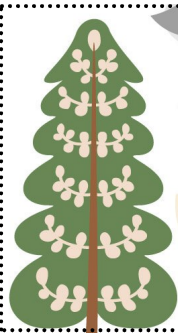
Year 3

What a wonderful and busy half term it has been yet the children still managed to dig deep and find enough energy for the cross country competition too! At the beginning of the week, we were visited by Rabbi Alex who taught us even more about some of the Jewish celebrations we have been studying. It was so exciting to be able to hear from someone who had first-hand experience and who could show us some authentic Jewish resources. As a culmination of our English work, this week we have written some fantastic non-chronological reports about Ancient Egypt. There were so many different features to include alongside sharing some of the topic learning we have done so far. In Maths we continued measuring with a focus on adding and subtracting different lengths as well as finding the perimeter of various shapes. In Music, we loved listening to different examples of reggae music and we have learned to sing the song, 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. We've used the drums and the glockenspiels to perform parts of the song, performing both as a whole class and also in smaller groups.



Year 4

What a lovely end to the first half term of 2025! 4SC absolutely smashed their class assembly this morning and now we have more knowledge than ever about the digestive system! It was also so lovely to see so many of you at our cross-country event and the children's determination and perseverance to complete the course. In amongst rehearsals and running, we have also had a busy week of learning! In maths, we have started using the bus stop method of division to divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit both with and without remainders. Why don't you ask us to show you? English this week saw the long-awaited ending to our book *Krindlekrax* and it is safe to say we LOVED this book! We sequenced the steps Ruskin took to tame the monster, considered the change in Ruskin's persona from the beginning to the end and completed a book review to encourage other children to read the book. We concluded our science learning for this half term by writing up a conclusion about our egg experiment on tooth decay and creating an informative poster about the digestive system. Excitedly, there is a whole school TTRS battle set up for half term and we know that Year 4 are so brilliant at their times tables – we can't wait for them to smash it! We hope you have a restful half term and we can't wait to see you all for some Greek madness!



Year 5

This week has seen the Year 5 children working hard to complete several different areas of learning, ready for our new '*Diversity of Life*' topic, which begins after next week's break. On Monday, we read the emotional final chapters of '*Kensuke's Kingdom*', which has been our focus text since Christmas. The children then had a go at composing their own reviews of the book. In Art, we used the same book as the inspiration for painting some beautiful images of blossoming cherry trees too. In Science, we have continued to learn about forces; after last week's work on water resistance, this week we looked at air resistance. Despite the cold, we had a lot of fun running up and down the playground both with and without a giant parachute attached! Later in the week, we analysed the results and used them to create graphs and to write detailed conclusions. One area that has not yet concluded is our decimals work in Maths. The children have made a great start learning how decimal place value works and, after the break, they will be applying that to calculating with decimals too.



Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been working on our Maths with some practise SATs papers, ensuring we apply all that we have learnt recently. In our English sessions, we have been writing a setting description of Camp Green Lake from our book '*Holes*' by Louis Sachar. We explored advanced vocabulary and a range of different SPaG features which would be effective in this piece of writing before getting down to the all important final write of the first half of the spring term. We are all hoping for some moves up on the writing Monopoly boards! In our topic lessons, we thought about mental health and its huge importance. We discussed how our words and actions have a tremendous impact on others, before considering our own mental health through exploration of our own support network and strategies which keep us coping. The latter half of the week was very sporty with half of the group representing the school in athletics over at Guildford Spectrum as well as our final every cross country race. It is certainly starting to sink in how many 'last evers' we are ticking off!

