



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 7th 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.

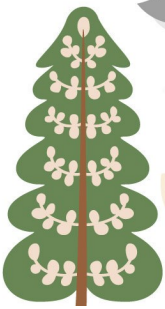
Reception

Reception have had a busy week focusing on The Arctic! We started by learning about where The Arctic is in the world and looked at a globe to help us. We discussed how The Arctic is in the most Northern part of the world and so it is very cold. We then learnt about animals that live in the Arctic and after learning some interesting facts about them, we played a game where we were given little clues and through our imaginary binoculars, had to work out what animal was being revealed! In Art, some of us began painting the backgrounds for our polar collages! We used the colour blue and added white to change the shade of the colour as we moved down the page. In maths, we have learnt about the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and worked hard with our subitising! We used our knowledge of number bonds to 5 to help us subitise to 8! We played a BINGO game to support our learning. In PE, we continued our gymnastics topic and practised balancing and movement. In our provision, we have filled in words with the missing digraphs, painted polar bears, made snowflake art with masking tape and water colours, used sponges in the water play to understand what happens when they're filled with water, had lots of fun in the mud kitchen and sandpit and developed our Gross Motor skills with some Arctic animal movements!



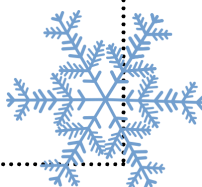
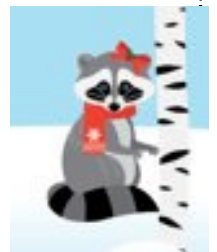
Year 1

Year 1 began the week with their first computing lessons! We used the laptops to open a document and worked in pairs to record information and pictures about our favourite air explorers. We then learnt how to save the document. We practised lots of skills, including finding where the letters are on the keyboard, learning how to type a capital letter, and using the space bar and delete key. In Maths, we have continued looking at place value to 20. We used lots of different resources, such as bead strings, Numicon and tens frames, to show how to build a teen number using tens and ones. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our trip to Brooklands Museum and we would like to say a big thank you to all our parent helpers! Earlier in the week, we spent time talking about what to expect on the day and looked at lots of pictures of the exhibits we would see and they certainly lived up to our expectations. Ask us what we enjoyed the most about our trip! In English this week, we have looked at the features of a recount, including the importance of putting the events in chronological order and using the past tense. We finished the week with a special visitor who taught us all about the Jewish day of rest, Shabbat.



Year 2

We would first like to say a big thank you to all of you who came to visit us this week for a parent consultation. The children are always very excited to see their learning and show off how far they have come already. This week, we have finished our multiplication and division unit. The children have grasped the concepts very quickly, and we are amazed at how many times table certificates are being given out already. If you have a spare moment this weekend, can you have a "Hit the Button" competition in your family? Who in your family can get the highest score on the 2, 5, and 10 times tables? In English, we read a big chunk of *The Secret Dinosaur* to then plan, write, and edit the ending to the story. The children had to become Marlin to write a short first-person narrative using the grammar rules they have learned in the first half of the year. In PE, we had a walk/run around the cross-country route in preparation for next Friday, and in Computing, we put our spreadsheet skills to the test to create magic squares by using a totalling tool to add up the numbers in the rows and columns. It's been a busy week, and we're so proud of how much the children have accomplished!

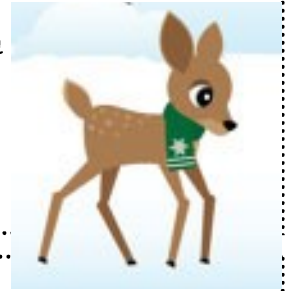




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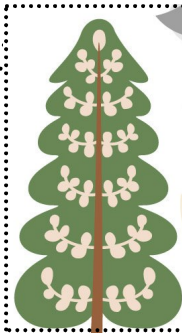
Year 3

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week and to be able to share your children's learning with you. Rest assured though, our learning hasn't stopped! Having established ourselves as Doubling Champions in our Number Sense work, this week we have begun to look at multiplying by 2. Our Maths lessons have continued to see us focus on measures, looking at equivalent measures to allow us to compare lengths. In the build up to writing our non-chronological report about Ancient Egyptians, we have consolidated our knowledge of past tense verbs and technical vocabulary. In Science, we got our hands dirty by taking soil samples from around the school grounds and then carrying out an investigation to find out what soil is made from. We discovered the different layers that make up soil and compared this to the fertile soils found along the banks of the River Nile.



Year 4

WOW! What a busy week of learning we have had in year 4! We have been using our scientific knowledge to set up a fair test to see how sugary drinks may affect teeth- we are monitoring our eggs every day to see what changes have occurred – please ask us all about the results? We also found out how our poo is made! This was a fascinating session in our Science Lab where we found out how bread would be digested in our bodies, definitely ask us about this and we are looking forward to telling you all the details! In maths we have been multiplying 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers – please give us some sums to practise this over the weekend. We have loved reading the latest chapters of *Krinklekrax* in our English sessions and been both scared and relieved that Ruskin has finally met him, although very upset about Corky. Don't forget to come and cheer us on at our Cross country even next Friday. Thank you for all coming to meet the teachers at our Parents' evenings this week – we were delighted to talk about the wonderful progress your children are making this year!



Year 5

Firstly, thanks to those of you that were able to attend the Spring term parents' consultations this week; it is such a valuable opportunity to share the children's many successes as well as the areas that we are continuing to focus on with them. We were excited to start a new Maths topic this week, beginning to look at decimal and fraction equivalence by understanding tenths and hundredths as decimal places. Later in this topic, we will be making similar links to percentages too. In Science, we continued to look at forces this week, with some more investigations into upthrust, buoyancy and air resistance. The children worked collaboratively to design and make paper boats before racing them across an 'ocean' with varying degrees of success! *'Kensuke's Kingdom'* has once again provided a rich impetus for our writing activities; this week, the children have been showing off their brilliant vocabularies and use of imagery to compose vivid descriptions of the island that Michael has found himself marooned on. We also continued to develop the digital maps of the island that we started last week using the *DigiMap* application.



Year 6

It's been a very science-focused week with experiments into shadows and a lesson on the amazing organ that is the heart. Next week, we will be recording pulse rates during a variety of exercises to see which one increases the heart rate the most. In English, we have started our new text, *Holes* by Louis Sachar. This will provide the children with a number and variety of opportunities to develop their writing across a range of genres over the next few weeks. In maths, we have been continuing the work on decimal numbers. We've also seen excellent development of the children's arithmetic skills as this has certainly been a focus for us so far this term. In SPaG, we have explored word classes (nouns, adjectives, adverbs, determiners, etc.) and the children are using this terminology with increasing confidence. In music, we continued with our Benjamin Britten unit of work where we are learning about the composer himself, his 12 songs written for school aged children, 'Friday Afternoons' and we rehearsed the song, 'A New Year Carol' which we will be singing in the local church soon.

