



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 31st January 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.

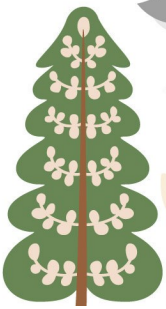
## Reception

Reception have been busy this week learning all about Lunar New Year! We started the week by learning about what Lunar New Year is and watched a short episode to learn a bit about this celebration and what happens during this time of year. We discussed some key questions afterwards and shared our thoughts with our talk partners. Why not ask us to teach you something about Lunar New Year? In maths, we have begun learning about capacity and mass. We estimated how many objects would fill a container and then counted to see if our predictions were right. We compared different containers to see which ones had the biggest and smallest capacity. In our Busy Bee groups, we experimented with sand to understand capacity, sorted pictures into 'full' and 'not full' and practised our subitising fluency! In Topic, we read 'The Great Race' by Christopher Corr and later, discussed the similarities and differences of celebrations. In our provision, we used water colours to paint lanterns, used the concertina fold to make dragons played a subitising maths game, compared capacity with rice, lentils and different sized containers and went on an animal hunt around the room and had to count how many of each animal we found. We ended the week with a calm session in the library and enjoyed sharing a book with our friends.



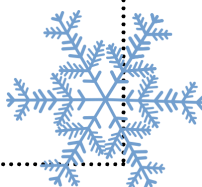
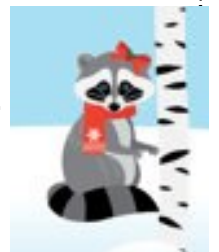
## Year 1

Another week has flown by in Year 1. In English, we finished reading 'Beegu' and wrote information brochures to help any other aliens who might travel to Earth in the future. Ask us what we would recommend they should see and do on their visit! We have begun to look at place value to 20 in Maths this week, practising counting to 20, counting on from a given number, ordering digit cards and finding missing numbers. We have also looked at how two digit numbers are made up of tens and ones and how to write the numbers to 20 as words. We have been busy learning about three famous female aviators (Bessie Coleman, Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart) as part of our 'Far, Far Away' Topic. We started the week by working collaboratively in groups to design a poster about their achievements and sharing our work with the class. We went on to use our map skills to find the countries where some of their famous flights started and ended. Year 1 have loved learning all about aviation and we can't wait to see the aeroplanes and other exhibits at Brooklands Museum next week!



## Year 2

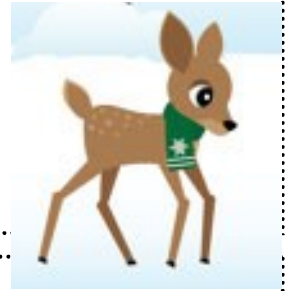
We've had another fun-filled, fossil-tastic week in Year 2! In English, we continued reading 'The Secret Dinosaur' and oozed creativity when taking on the role of the main character role and writing our own versions of Marlin's dream and a letter to the grumpy museum manager, Mr Grubbler. We also revisited sentence starters to enhance our writing, focusing on adding more detail and variety to our sentences. In Art, we were inspired by Gwen John, a female artist known for her portraits. Using her techniques, we sketched a picture of Mary Anning, a historical figure we studied in History. We're looking forward to painting her portrait next week. Thursday was especially exciting when two fossil experts visited our class. They brought an impressive collection of fossils and shared their expertise with us. The children were full of curiosity, asking insightful questions, and spent the afternoon drawing the different types of fossils they had seen. In RE, we explored what makes a successful leader, linking our learning to the Islamic faith. In Maths, we continued working on our multiplication and division unit, with a particular focus on the five times table. We looked at the inverse relationship between multiplication and division, practised dividing multiples of five and revisited odd and even numbers. Please quiz us on which this! While 2HJ enjoyed another Friday afternoon at Forest School, 2BT explored spreadsheets on Purple Mash, discussing cells and adding images and prices, creating their own toy shops.



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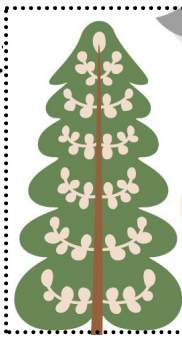
## Year 3

It may have only been a four day week, but Year 3 have squeezed in a lot of learning! Our new Maths unit has given us the opportunity to measure pretty much everything in sight! Using rulers and metre sticks we have discovered the importance of accurate measurements as well as choosing the correct unit of measure for the item. Why not ask us to share our top measuring tips with you? In our English work, we are learning how to share all the wonderful facts from our Ancient Egyptian topic in a non-chronological report. This means adapting our style of writing to non-fiction work whilst still including fronted adverbials, conjunctions and technical vocabulary. Building on our topic knowledge, we explored the Egyptians use of the River Nile learning about its importance for transport, trade and fishing. In RE, we learnt more about Jewish celebrations with a focus on Pesach and Sukkot.



## Year 4

Whilst this week has been a bit shorter, we have still had a very fun week full of learning! Year 4 completed their animal art unit by printing with their collagraph tile. They have sketched an animal with a distinctive pattern, made a collagraph printing tile and now printed it – you can see them in our topic books at Parents' evening next week! In English we have been continuing to follow Ruskin's adventures in Lizard street, including designing a Wanted poster for the missing crocodile. In our Maths lessons have been consolidating our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 1, 10 and 100 before we move on to more formal methods next week. The children have been very excited about their TTRS battle between the classes and it's been great to see so many children joining to play for the win! (and practising their times tables!) We have just started our new topic on teeth and digestion- please ask your children about their teeth and they should be able to tell the names and how many they have! We look forward to seeing you all next week at the Parents' evenings to share our learning and progress.



## Year 5

With Wednesday's INSET Day, it has been a short week for the children in Year 5, but still very busy! Inspired by Michael's voyage in 'Kensuke's Kingdom', we have been using our scientific enquiry skills to investigate some of the forces involved in travelling through water: upthrust, water resistance and gravity. Our Geography work has seen the children researching some of the key international locations that Michael and his family visited in the early part of the story, before finding creative ways to present that information. We also used ICT to have a go at creating digital maps of Kensuke's island home, using clues from the text and the *DigiMap* application. In DT, we have completed our dreamcatchers, and evaluated the finished products against our original designs and success criteria - they have really turned out well! In Music, the children have continued their activities linked to Adele's 'Make You Feel My Love'. This week, they have been comparing the musical features of her version to Bob Dylan's original. Next, they enjoyed singing the song, focusing on the rises and falls within the melody. Some children also had a go at accompanying the singing by playing the music on glockenspiels and keyboards.



## Year 6

Despite only having a 4 day week, we have still managed to fit so much in over here in Year 6. In our English lessons, we have been reading *Wayside School* by Louis Sachar and using this hilarious text to create some of our own characters in the author's style. We then used our quirky and over-exaggerated character creations to write our own mini-chapter—the results were really impressive and so funny! In Maths, we have been focusing on decimals. We have been understanding their place value, rounding them and using them in addition and subtraction questions. Our confidence has been great. Our topic afternoons have had a Science focus this week as we have continued learning about light. We have explored key scientific words, experimented with mirrors and travelling light as well as looking at the inner workings of the eye itself. Why not ask us about this? Another great week for 6DC and 6DS!

