



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 29th November 2024

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

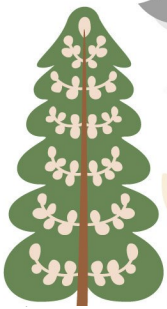
We have had another busy week down in Reception with our focus being all about Christmas and our Nativity! We did lots of rehearsals and our teachers are so impressed with how well we're learning and remembering our lines. We have been learning about plurals this week in phonics and how to read words with an 's' added on the end, we also learnt what a plural means. In maths, we have recapped how to find 1 more and now we have learnt how to find 1 less than a given number from 1-5. We used 5 frames to help us understand this and played some maths games to help us remember! As part of our learning on The Jolly Postman, we have begun walking to the post box to post our Christmas cards! We followed a map, just like the Jolly Postman does, to get to the post box and back safely and spoke about how to cross and be safe on roads. During Choosing Time, we have been making tricky word watches, swatted flies that read a specific tricky word, had tricky word stepping stones which we have played games with, traced tricky words and enjoyed making some Christmas decorations for the classroom. What a busy but exciting week! Have a great weekend!



Year 1

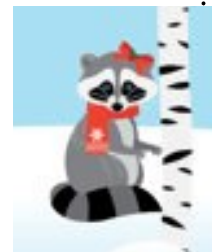
Following on from last week's focus on London, and comparing the modern day city to how it looked in the past, we started to learn about 'The Great Fire of London', which had us all very intrigued indeed! We began by looking at images of the Great Fire itself, with the children using the 5 W's (Who,

What, When, Where, Why) to write questions, before finding out the answers. We had great fun being news reporters, using the iPads to record our broadcasts of the key events. There was also much excitement to be had as we baked our own bread (fortunately not with the same consequences as happened on Pudding Lane in 1666!). In English, we explored 'bossy' verbs (imperatives) as preparation for looking at the key features of instruction writing. After we made our bread, we then went on to write our own recipes so we could practise writing instructions. We have continued looking at part-part whole models in Maths, progressing our learning by writing the accompanying number sentence, using the addition symbol. Thank you for joining us for our first Year 1 Learning Look. We hope you enjoyed looking at our work. Please ask us more questions at home—we would love to tell you more about what we have learnt about the Great Fire of London.



Year 2

As the date for the show approaches, we've been busy rehearsing our lines and perfecting the songs in the hall, while continuing to work hard on our classroom learning. In English, we've finally brought together everything we've learned about Brazil into a vibrant, persuasive leaflet. This leaflet is packed with questions, fascinating facts, and plenty of color to catch the reader's attention! In Maths, we've moved on to working with two-digit numbers! We're practicing both addition and subtraction using the column method, focusing on expanded form and exchanging when necessary. On Tuesday, we once again hopped aboard our imaginary plane, this time to fly to Kenya. In the afternoon, we revisited human and physical features of the country, comparing them to what we've learned about other places. On Friday, we studied a school in Kenya, identifying similarities and differences with our own. After arriving in Kenya, we dived into our English lesson by reading Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway. We practiced sequencing the story, putting the events in the correct order, and discovered new, exciting vocabulary. We also explored how to use sentence starters to improve our writing and make it more engaging. Thank you for all your Home Learning over the first term. While we aren't sending this sheet home again until the Spring term, we would still like you to read as much as you can, practice your Maths on either Numbots or Mathletics and write at any opportunity!





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Year 3

In between musical interludes of Christmas singing and Oompa-Loompa dancing, we have continued to work hard in Year 3. Our Maths unit of multiplication and division has involved lots of counting in steps of different sizes. We are consolidating our prior learning of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables before challenging ourselves with some even trickier number facts. TTRockstars has been a great way for us to work on these whilst challenging our friends (and even teachers!) Why not ask us some questions to see how we are getting on? Just like Barney in our English text, we have spent this week getting to know Stig a little better. We have collected and used some adventurous vocabulary to help describe him, not just physically but also in terms of his personality, mannerisms and voice. By the end of the week we were able to use these effectively to write a great character description. Making the most of the darker days, our Science lessons have seen us investigating light sources and how these can be used to create shadows. We can recognise different light sources and explain how

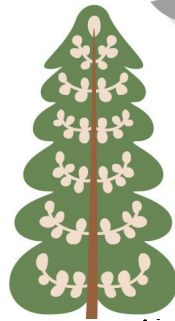


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Year 4

Despite Christmas inching closer, Year 4 have had another busy week! In maths, we have concluded our learning all about addition and subtraction by applying our knowledge to different contexts. We have looked at ensuring we are using efficient methods, how rounding to estimate can help us as well as using the inverse to check our answers. We also moved on to start to look at the area of shapes. Why don't you ask us about it? We have thoroughly enjoyed the Firework Maker's Daughter this term, and this week saw us reach the end of our adventure. We recapped fronted adverbials and verb, person sentence starters, designed our own winning fireworks and wrote book reviews to share with our friends! We also managed to squeeze in learning about volcanos in the Ring of Fire, jam jar decorations, some Nick Rowland inspired artwork and some Christmas rehearsals too.



Year 5

Christmas has definitely started in Year 5 this week, as the children began rehearsing for 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory' in earnest – we are really looking forward to putting it together with the rest of KS2 in a couple of weeks' time! In the classroom, we have continued with fractions in Maths, understanding how to add and subtract fractions when they have the same denominator and when they do not. In English, we have continued with our Harry Potter learning as part of our 'In Your Imagination' topic. We have enjoyed reading each chapter, and this week, our focus was Professor Snape's Potions Room. We began our English lessons by generating descriptive sentences about the setting, and then working on up-levelling them using the many SPaG features we have been learning to use over the past couple of weeks. We have also had a go at planning and writing our chapter for the book, incorporating the same settings and characters as the original and even trying to mimic J.K.Rowling's style! The children have also been learning about Hinduism in RE, the planets in French and playing netball in PE – what a busy week!



Year 6

We have been focusing on key events towards the end of WW2 in our topic work. The children learnt all about the Allies' invasion of Normandy on D-Day, the battle for France during that year and the eventual surrender of Germany in 1945. We also had a chance to develop our balanced argument writing skills, following up the work we did last week. In addition, during our music lessons with Mrs Peers this week, the children worked on their Jazz topic. Everyone was fully engaged with learning and performing the 'Head' melody to a jazz song performed in time to the drum rhythms laid down by the children who have drum lessons. The children also got the boomwhackers out and performed the melody on these which took lots of concentration and ensemble skills! We also continued our work on fractions in maths lessons - adding and subtracting numbers with different denominators.

