



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 8th 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

Reception have had a great first week back after half term and have had a brilliant start to Autumn 2! We started off by reading *Little Glow*, a lovely story by Katie Sahota. We then read *Sparks in the Sky* on Tuesday and discussed *Firework* and *Bonfire Night*. In maths, we have begun to learn about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and what 1 more and 1 less than a number to 3 is. We also learnt about the composition of numbers to 3 and practised this in our Busy Bee groups by throwing 3 beanbags into hoops and discussing how many landed inside and outside the hoop, such as 2 and 1, or 3 and 0. We also listened to pebbles being dropped into a bucket and predicted how many pebbles are inside if one was taken away or added. In Art, we learnt about an artist called Jackson Pollock and made some fantastic paintings in his style. In phonics, we have learnt some new digraphs (2 letters 1 sound) and practised spelling some CVC words. We are so impressed with how well our letter formation is coming along with all our practise. In Music, we used the African Drums! We sang a song called, 'Not Too Difficult' and drummed along with an awareness of pulse. We were brilliant at sharing, listening and showing excellent performing skills! Some provision activities this week included a bakery in the role play area, hairdressing, threading beads onto fireworks, making firework art and sorting picture representations of 1, 2 and 3 into the right place. We ended the week with a walk to the cemetery and paid our respect for Remembrance Day.



## Year 1

This week, it has been all about Pirbright in Year One! We looked at lots of different types of maps and used the iPads to look at Pirbright and the surrounding areas from above and using Street-view! The children were able to use their knowledge of where they live to find key areas that they know, such as Pirbright Green, the school and of course, most importantly, the park! To put our learning into context, each class went on a walk around the village to see what human and physical features we could find. The children recorded what they saw using symbols and words, and when we got back we used these to make our own maps of Pirbright, including a key. During continuous provision, the school was represented in a variety of different ways, using wooden blocks in small construction, using pallets and planks in large construction and using junk modelling materials in the creative area. In English, we have been learning the difference between facts and opinions and helping Mr Wright by writing facts about the school that he can use during parent tours! In Maths, we have been looking at parts and wholes as we begin exploring addition and subtraction. We have used practical objects to practise this and regularly used the correct mathematical vocabulary by verbalising our learning. The week has ended on a reflective note as we attended our Remembrance Day service at Brookwood. Ask us what we can tell you about the human and physical features of Pirbright village!



## Year 2

We hope you all had a restful week ready for this crazy half term! With it being a week later than normal, we have jumped straight back in and are already thinking about our Christmas Production! Please do read the Newsletter to get all the relevant information on this. This week we watched the show we will be performing so the children have an idea of what it will look like and started to learn the songs. Next week, we will start running through the script; exciting times ahead! In Maths, we went back to the column method and learnt how to complete simple column subtraction and then exchange with column addition. At the beginning of the week, we were lucky enough to have received a letter from Mothball the wombat! She asked us if we could find her a new home so in English, we recapped the four types of sentences with a big focus on questions, looked at the features of an advert and started to think how we could find her a new home. On Wednesday, we popped back to India to celebrate Diwali the festival of light! This was a wonderful day full of stories, lantern making and Rangoli patterns. Once we travelled back to Australia, we learnt about animals you would find in this country and the food they might eat. Finally, on Friday, along with the rest of the school, we walked to Brookwood cemetery to enjoy the Remembrance Service. The children were fantastic and demonstrated the Pirbright Vales from the moment we walked out the door to the moment they got back. Well done everyone!





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## Year 3

This thought of a restful and relaxing half term seem like distant memories already as we have been straight back into work in Year 3. Before we began reading our new book in English, we used clues from the book cover and blurb to help us predict what we thought 'Stig of the Dump' might be about. We read the opening of the story and compared it to the opening of the TV series. We are really excited to find out what adventures Barney and Stig get up to as we read on. Our Maths work has continued with subtracting numbers, finding out what to do when there are not enough tens or ones. We have learnt how to exchange from one column to the next and then used these strategies when adding and subtracting a range of different numbers. Our Fluency Friday gave us plenty of opportunities to practise these skills too. Our computing work this week focused on identifying ways to stay safe online. In PE this week, we channelled our inner Strictly Stars by learning to perform a salsa dance. Why not ask us to give you a little performance? The week culminated in a thought-provoking ceremony at Brookwood cemetery with all of our children demonstrating our wonderful Pirbright Values during the remembrance service.



## Year 4

It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school this week and we are so pleased with how quickly everyone has settled back into working so hard. The highlight of the week has been our netball matches between 4SC and 4LB! We really enjoyed using all the netball skills we have been learning since September and working well in a team! Please ask us how we got on? In English, we have reached the most exciting part of Lila's journey to Mt Merapi where she finally meets the Fire Fiend- why don't you ask us to describe who she met and how she got on? We had our final lesson on mountains- discovering what preparations and equipment we would need to do if we were going to climb Mt Everest- it was a really long list- we think our backpacks would be very heavy! Next week, we will be focussing on volcanoes—its sure to be explosive! We have loved our new maths this week addition with 4 digits and exchanging!- try and challenge us with a question!



## Year 5

Welcome back! We hope everybody had a lovely, relaxing half-term. This week saw the start of our extremely popular topic 'In Your Imagination'. In English, we began to gather details about the various characters in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, and created character descriptions in the 'Harry Potter' style. We also looked at figurative language to describe one of the scenes. In Art, we began to learn about optical illusions, and looked at some of those created by famous artists such as Escher. We then practised using precise measurements, accurate line drawing and colouring to recreate a variety of different illusions; it was not as easy as it first appeared! In Maths, we looked at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, making sure we could explain how the digits changed value and place holders are added. The children also enjoyed some lively PE sessions this week, beginning two new topics, with circuit training on Monday and netball on Tuesday. The week ended with a visit to Brookwood Cemetery for our annual remembrance service, which is always a moving and special occasion.



## Year 6

Our focus this week in Year 6 has been 'Remembrance' as we have prepared for our annual trip to Brookwood cemetery and another big event in our final year of Pirbright. In English, we worked hard on writing poems about war, loss and remembering those who sacrificed their lives for us. The end results were certainly impressive, with some bringing a tear to our eyes. In Maths, we tackled long division and used the 4 operations to solve a range of multi-step problems. Our topic work this week saw us learning some basic steps of the Charleston for some WW2 inspired dance routines, which we absolutely loved and got our hearts racing, it was so fast. Why not ask us to show you some of our routine? We also began work on our DT project for this half term, where we will be creating Morse code machines. We kick started this learning by creating messages for one another, using dots and dashes, and investigating the science behind it all with a recap on some basic circuits.

