



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 18th October 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 been busy down in Reception this week and started it off by reading *The Little Red Hen*. We had lots of discussions about who did the right thing at the end of the story, The Hen or the other animals. Why not ask us who we agreed with? We then did our first Drawing Club where we had a go at drawing The Hen. We then came up with some interesting ideas as to what disgusting ingredients we could add to the bread as part of our second Drawing Club lesson. We used our imaginations to come up with some weird and wonderful ideas! In Art, we made Leaf Man pictures, having read the Leaf Man story, and learnt what PVA glue does and how to use it carefully. We made some lovely leaf pictures and finished them off with a pair of googly eyes! In Maths, we have started learning about numbers 1, 2, 3 and how to subitise. We learnt how to represent 1, 2 and 3 as well as how to form these numbers in our Busy Bee groups. We watched Ten Town which teaches us a rhyme to help us with this. Our provision activities this week have included practising our cutting skills, threading beads on pipe cleaners, giving toilet rolls a fringe cut with scissors and making leaf print paintings outside. Our teachers are very proud of all our hard work this half term!



Year 1

The last week before the half term break has seen Year 1 busy learning about verbs in our English lessons. We came up with a fantastic list of action words and identified the verbs in the story of *The Three Little Pigs*. We also had a go at writing verbs in the past tense, before using our knowledge to write some super sentences. Our Maths activities have involved comparing and ordering numbers using a range of resources, including number lines and dominoes. The children loved seeing whose domino had the largest number and using the 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' symbols to compare. We finished our Science experiment and proved that the statement "It rains the most on Tuesdays" is not true: during the week in which we collected our data we had most rainfall on Thursday and Friday! We have loved using different measuring tools, such as pipettes to work out how much rain has fallen throughout the day. We had an excellent discussion about the accuracy of our results and decided that perhaps we need to measure rainfall over a longer period to truly decide if one day is always rainier than the others! As we are nearing half term, we had an opportunity to reflect on our Art topic of self-portraits. The children evaluated each of the pieces they had created, focusing on our three main artists - Picasso, Matisse and Warhol. We discussed our favourites, with Andy Warhol being the firm favourite because of his bright, contrasting colours. It has been excellent to see the children recall key information about the different artists. Go ahead and ask us which artist we enjoyed learning about - Perhaps even ask us what the most challenging style was. The Year 1 team would like to wish all of our families a wonderful half term!



Year 2

We've had another fantastic week in Year 2, full of exciting activities and learning! As we continue our exploration of Australia, we have been making comparisons with the UK, focusing on the differences in weather and famous landmarks. In our PE lesson, we continued learning about traditional Aboriginal dancing. We retold the stories of a kangaroo and an emu through movement, listening carefully to the music. In Art, we explored the history behind Aboriginal dot painting and using cotton buds and bright colours, we created our own impressive dot paintings. Our writing skills were put to the test this week as we planned and wrote diary entries from the perspective of Mothball the wombat. We made sure to include details from our book, along with expanded noun phrases and conjunctions like "and," "so," and "because." Last week in Maths, we learnt how to add across ten on a number line. This week, we worked hard to master the column method for addition. We focused on carefully placing numbers in the correct columns and learning how to "exchange" when needed. We've also had fun playing games to help us remember which numbers are odd and which are even— please quiz us at home. We hope you have a wonderful half-term and we thank you for your continued support!





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Year 3

We began this week with our last swimming lesson. We have had so much fun practising different strokes and developing our confidence in water. Back in the classroom, we continued our work on addition and subtraction, getting to grips with what happens when we don't have enough tens or ones to carry out a simple subtraction calculation. Instead we learnt how to exchange a ten for ten ones or a hundred for ten tens. Why not ask us to see if we can explain it to you? Having reached the end of our book *Stone Age Boy*, we practised reading sections of it with increased prosody and fluency. We loved trying to use different voices to add to the tension and excitement. To help us retell the story clearly, we also tried to sequence and summarise the main events. We could practise doing this with our home reading book too. Our topic work took us to the new Science lab so that we could use magnifying lenses to look really closely at different rock samples. We used our knowledge about how rocks are formed to help us identify what type of rock these were and then our observational skills to help us draw some accurate sketches of each rock too.



Year 4

We have had a very busy last week of half-term. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming session of the year and we were so impressed with how well they can swim. Please remember to send in a pair of goggles for your child as they really help with their water confidence. The children had a fabulous last rugby session in PE and Ms Jackson is very impressed with how much progress they have made. In maths, we have finished rounding numbers to 100 and 1000 and the children and we are thrilled to have completed our focus on place value and are very much looking forward to working on addition and subtraction next term. In Geography we have been comparing the heights of different mountains – please ask us which ones were the tallest? Please keep busy on TTRS over the half-term – we will do a 2-week rollover for



the certificates on the 8th November. We hope you have a wonderful half-term and come back refreshed and ready for learning on the 4th November (no swimming until the 11th November!)



Year 5

Wow, half a term completed in year 5 already, and what a great week this was. It started quietly, as we continued learning about Multiplication and Division in Maths, looking at prime numbers, square and cube numbers. Things quickly became very exciting on Monday afternoon; we saw the culmination of our 'Moon Buggy' project, as we spent time racing them in the hall. Every buggy was successful, although some were more reliable than others! We evaluated our successes later on in the week, considering what we would recommend changing another time. Tuesday was the best day of the week for us: we wrapped up our topic 'To Infinity and Beyond' with an amazing trip to Winchester Science Centre. The children had a wonderful day, investigating the museum exhibits and finding out many fascinating things. The best experience of the day was, of course, the Planetarium, where we revisited what we have been learning about, and learnt many new facts too. Can your child remember what the planet Uranus was called, before it was named after a Greek God? Finally, we finished our 'Living on a Prayer' topic in music, comparing the music of The Beatles with our topic song – we identified musical features that were similar and contrasting. We also performed as a class, using drums and glockenspiels. We were able to show excellent awareness of pulse, rhythm and pitch. Well done year 5!

Year 6

In English this week we have been creating a variety of Lighthouse poems, including personification and - in some cases - rhyme. In Music this week we compared the music of The Beatles with our topic song, 'Livin' on a Prayer and identified musical features that were similar and contrasting. We also performed as a class, using drums and glockenspiels. We are able to show excellent awareness of pulse, rhythm and pitch. We have been looking into two-digit division using factors in maths and have been busy baking and evaluating war-time biscuits. Ask the children which biscuits they preferred! On Thursday we recreated some war-time art based on the work of Henry Moore and his images of the Blitz. We used a wax-resist method to good effect!

