



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 4th 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

It was so lovely to see so many of you at Parent's Evening this week and to have the opportunity to share our lovely books with you. This week we have begun reading another text in our English lessons, Stone Age Boy. With our detective hats on, we studied the front cover looking for clues to help us predict what the story might be about. The tale begins with a boy in the woods but after a small mishap he ends up travelling back to the stone age. This change in setting has enabled us to use our descriptive language to help describe the different places in great detail. We even had a go at using a thesaurus to help us improve our choice of vocabulary. Our maths work has now led us to adding and subtracting, using our knowledge of number bonds to make this even speedier. We can show how to add and subtract using dienes, place value charts and counters. In our computing lessons, we have been learning how to use all the buttons on the keyboard to help us produce a piece of writing. We know which fingers should be on each key, how to use punctuation marks and we can even change the font, size and colour of a text. Why not see if we can show you these skills whilst we complete a piece of Home Learning? Hopefully this week the weather will have improved enough to allow us to finish the week with Potted Sports as we had previously planned!



## Year 1

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening to discuss and celebrate each child's achievements so far this year. It is hard to believe that we are already in October! This week, Year One have continued to challenge themselves within our Independent Learning, accessing different tasks based on our Super 6 skills. In Maths, we have explored writing and reading numbers as words; a tricky skill! We used our knowledge of letters to spot patterns and thought of creative ways to remember these spellings. This is something we will continue to practise. We then looked at counting on and back from a given number. Across the curriculum, we continued to look at our body, with a focus on Art. We studied Cubism through the art of Pablo Picasso and created our own Cubism portraits, both from collage and through drawing. Ask us what facts we can remember about Picasso! Phonics was very exciting this week, as we have begun learning alternative phonemes for sounds already learnt, for example, 'ay' and 'ai'. The children's enthusiasm has been infectious and they have enjoyed applying these new sounds into the spelling part of our Phonics lessons and playing 'spot the grapheme' when we are reading. We ended the week with Potted Sports, where the children showed resilience representing their house teams.



## Year 2

It's hard to believe it's already October! The weeks are flying by! Firstly, a big thank you to everyone we met at Parents' Evening this week. It's such an important time, not only for us to catch up but also to celebrate the incredible progress the children have already made in the first few weeks. After a fantastic theme week, we've enjoyed returning to our usual Maths lessons and continuing with *Grandpa Chatterji* in English. This week we've been focusing on the features of instructional writing, including the use of imperative verbs. We have been busy planning and writing our own chapati recipes, which we will follow next week to make our very own chapatis in the kitchen! In Maths, we've wrapped up our unit on place value, which included ordering numbers, revising counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s, and learning to count in 3s. On Monday, we "travelled" back to India to explore its climate and on Thursday, we created a comparison table to highlight the similarities and differences between school life in the UK and India. On Tuesday, we got the recorders out again and started to explore the note B as well as continue to learn a song called Hands, Heart, Feet. On Wednesday, we got our creative juices flowing in Dance. This week we learnt some classic Bollywood moves, explored levels and starting and ending positions to create and perform a dance to the rest of the class. What great movers we have in Year 2!





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## Year 3

This week we have been learning all about the Paralympics, exploring how it started, what events are included and how the sports are adapted to allow access for all. We used our research skills to discover the history of the Olympics right back from the Ancient Greek times and then used our knowledge to build a timeline right up to the current day. Having looked at a whole range of Olympic sports, we focused on the sport of Badminton. We had a go on the Badminton court and enjoyed trying to send the shuttlecock over the net to our partner. Once we got the hang of this, we carried out an investigation to see how far each of us to hit the shuttlecock. We used this data to draw a graph of our results. As we learnt about how the Paralympics were introduced, we also learnt how some sports, such as Badminton, have been adapted. We found out about some of our British Para-badminton players and even got to watch a few of them in action from the Paris games. Why not ask us about them so we can share the facts we have learnt? Our week finished with us being able to put our own sporting abilities to the test through our Potted Sports. We loved showing the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship whilst having so much fun!



## Year 4

This week has seen Year 4 dive head first into our new topic 'Extreme Earth' and what an exciting one it is! In Maths, we have continued our place value learning by looking at 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than 4-digit numbers as well as improving our times tables knowledge. Our Number Sense programme saw us finish our recap and start looking at consolidating our three times table facts. On Monday, we started our new text in English, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. This week we have spent time predicting what we thought would happen, looking at the characters we have met so far and practicing our listening skills by drawing a description of Lila's journey. We can't wait to get into some more story telling! We also started our new Guided Reading book this week - 'The Abominables' - an exciting story about kidnap and Yeti's in the Himalayas! Why don't you ask us about it? We had a big Geography focus this week and learnt about the hemispheres, tropics and the layers of the Earth! Ask us what we can tell you about the Earth so far...



## Year 5

After last week's 'Theme Week', Year 5 have now returned to their main autumn term topic: 'To Infinity & Beyond'. In Science, we have been learning about the movement of the Earth and the impact that this has on both the way shadows change size and direction, and also the Sun's apparent movement across the sky. In English, we took notes from a 'documentary', and began to write a non-chronological report about the exciting fictional planet of Pandora. We also began to compose technical drawings for our space buggies - we can't wait to start measuring materials and building them! In Maths, we started addition and subtraction, which involved some very complicated challenges! Away from our main topic, the children have been learning about rock music with Mrs Peers; over recent lessons they have listened to the Deep Purple song, 'Smoke on the Water' which they really loved! After listening to and appraising this song, they continued to learn the song, 'Livin' on a Prayer', even playing it on glockenspiels! Why don't you ask your child for a quick performance?



## Year 6

We have had a very busy week over in Year 6, ending in our annual potted sports event and the house captain's first official leadership responsibility. We all enjoyed the games, especially supporting the younger children in the school. Back in the classroom, we have had a go at some SPaG and reading papers, in order to see our strengths and areas to improve. We tackled them with confidence and calm and made Mr Smith & Miss Casey proud at our first attempt. In Maths, we began our four operations unit where we explored written methods for addition and subtraction, factors and multiples. In RE, we finished off creating our own Jewish Mezuzahs - ask us about the Mezuzah song and how they are used in Jewish homes! Throughout the week, we have continued reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and used the text as inspiration for some writing, with a focus on clauses and speech, as well as learning about Kristallnacht as part of our WW2 topic - why not test our knowledge on this. A final highlight of the week was baking a ration recipe - despite the small ingredient list, they were delicious!

