



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 8th December 2023

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

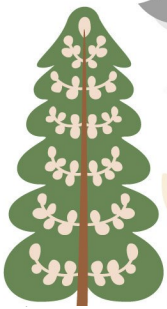
We have had another busy week down in Reception with our focus being all about Christmas and our Nativity! We did lots of rehearsals and our teachers are so impressed with how well we're learning and remembering our lines. We have been learning about plurals this week in phonics and how to read words 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

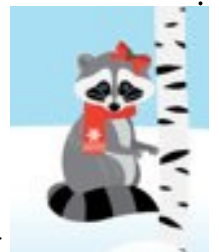
It's been another week of exciting learning in Year One. This week, we revisited all our new sounds since October Half Term and practised identifying these in words and sentences independently. Some children are starting to spot these sounds appearing in their Little Wandle text too, making our reading sessions interesting.

In Maths, we have focused on recognising number bonds of numbers up to 10. We used different resources to practically explore this concept such as Numicon, double sided counters and ten frames. We discussed how to be systematic with our working. As part of our Great Fire of London learning, we learnt all about Samuel Pepys, who wrote a famous diary in 1666. The children wrote questions for him before imagining they were there themselves and writing a diary entry. We focused on capital letters and finger spaces. In PE, we continued to practise our movements to music with Ms Jackson and in RE, we considered the importance of angels in the Nativity. We ended the week by using our knowledge of portraits to draw a portrait of Samuel Pepys in Art. The children looked closely at the portrait before creating their own version, considering the accurate positioning of his eyes, nose, mouth and nose. Finally, the children have continued to make us very proud during our rehearsals, learning actions and words to the songs and trying hard to remember when they come on and off the stage! We look forward to the show next week.



## Year 2

What another brilliant, jam-packed week we have had in Year 2! On Monday we read our new book which is set in Kenya, called 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We sequenced the story with a friend, played charades to learn new vocabulary and used interesting sentence starters. Towards the end of the week, we used all of these skills to plan and write our own versions of the book by changing the ending of the story. In Topic this week, we compared our school life to a school in Kenya, drawing the similarities and differences and after planning our African masks in Art last week, we really enjoyed bringing them to life on Tuesday, using clay. We learnt different techniques such as rolling, smoothing and joining and look forward to painting them next week. In Maths we have continued our addition and subtraction unit, by adding and subtracting two, two-digit numbers and learning to understand which operation a word problem is asking us to use. As well as learning the songs and lines for our nativity, we spent time in RE, thinking about the importance of giving and drew all of the things that were given during the Nativity story.

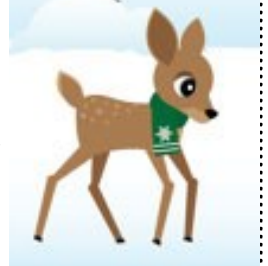




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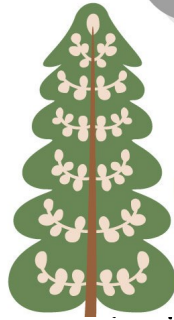
## Year 3

This week Year 3 have had a wonderful Stone age Day where they learned about seasonality with food from that historic period, making stewed fruit. They also learned the significance and meaning behind cave paintings while also having a god at creating some of their own. Finally, the children used their stone age dwelling designs to build their own structures using junk modelling, including key features such as a tool store, fire for protection and cooking and other key items they might have used in the Stone Age. WE have also been working on multiplication and division in Maths, learning the difference between grouping and sharing, while focusing on the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table and their related facts (for example, numbers will always be a multiple of 2 if they are even as they can be split into two equal groups and that every number in the ten times tables is also a multiple of 5, while still containing a place holder in the ones column). Alongside all of this fantastic learning, Year 3 have also been working hard to learn the different songs they will be performing in the Christmas show. They are all very excited about it and we are very proud of the efforts they have been putting in to learning the songs and practising their comings and goings on stage. We hope that any earworms you have had at home are a lovely insight into the exciting show to come!



## Year 4

Christmas is in full swing here at Pirbright, for the whole school but also Year 4! Not only have we been practising our scene for the Christmas performance next week, we also introduced our Year 4 enterprise project and got our thinking caps on! On Tuesday, a democratic vote was held to decide the chosen charity for any profits made from our Christmas decoration sale and the winner was... The Lighthouse Woking! We then began making posters to advertise our sale around the school. Make sure you get the date in your diary! Amongst all the festive fun, we also managed to dive deeper into our seven times tables with the help of a catchy tune! We looked at the features of an explanation text in English and wrote open questions and answers as if we were interviewing The Wishgranter! Phew, we are definitely ready for a weekend of rest before the crazy Christmas begins next week!



## Year 5

Year 5 have been in full-on rehearsal mode this week! We have been acting, dancing (a little bit) and especially singing - the children have really pulled out all the stops to make our part as good as possible. We can't wait for everyone to come to the show and see. In our lessons, we have finished editing and writing up our non-chronological reports into our WOW writing books - they are looking fantastic, it really demonstrates the pride everyone takes in their writing. We then began to think about Elves and Sprites as our last writing unit this term. In maths, we continued with our fraction topic, as well as completing an assessment. Our reading was also assessed this week! As our topic 'In Your Imagination' comes to an end, we finished off some of the science, where we looked at the lifecycles of some of the animals linked to Harry Potter. Finally, in RE, we discussed the question 'What do we mean by a good life' in relation to the Hindu religion - we look forward to finding out a lot more. What a lot we crammed in!



## Year 6

We've been busy with the build-up to this year's Christmas performances, spending time in the hall together to practise our parts. Amongst the excitement of this time, we've also continued with our studies, completing our history unit on WW2 by focusing on the legacy of the war: the space race, the development of industry, technology and mass production, and the origins of the NHS. In English, we have started a mini-unit called 'Monsterology' where the children have designed their own monsters and are writing all about them. In maths we have progressed through our fractions work onto multiplying fractions. We are moving through our unit of RE on Judaism with lessons on role of the Torah - the Jewish holy book. In French, our focus has been on members of the family. Despite the weather, we've endeavoured to get outside for PE sessions to complete our units on football and netball.

