



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 20th October 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

Down in Reception this week, we have focused on the sounds h, b, f and l in phonics and worked so hard when practising our tricky words. Our theme this week has been 'How Have We Changed?' where we looked at photos from when we were babies and discussed how we have changed as we have grown bigger.

We drew a picture of us as a baby, us now and what we think we will look like in the future.

We read the book 'When There Were Giants' as part of our topic on this. We also had our Reading Practice Sessions where we discussed the story and answered comprehension questions.

In Drawing Club we read The Little Red Hen before having a go at drawing the hen. We then imagined what disgusting thing might be in the bread and draw what we thought it might be! In maths we have been learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and how to subitise 1, 2 and 3. In story time, we have been listening to Ten Town where we have learnt how to form the numbers 1, 2 and 3 with the help from King One, Tommy Two and Thelma Three! We also learnt a bit about what Harvest Time is before we joined the

rest of the school in the hall for the Harvest Assembly! Our teachers are so proud of all our hard work this half term! Well done Reception!



Year 1 It may have been a short week but it has been a jam-packed one for Year 1. It was review week in Phonics, so we revisited the new digraphs we have learnt this half term and practised reading these in different words. We also practised chunking up longer words and recognising the tricky words quickly. This has helped us identify what areas we are confident with and what may need more practise.

In English, we finished reading the story, 'The Little Red Hen'. We used our phonics knowledge to read sentences and then practised predicting what might happen next. Within continuous provision, we demonstrated creativity by making our own traditional tales using puppets and masks, and perseverance by using split pins to create moveable characters.

In Maths, our focus was comparing numbers. We used a teddy bear's picnic to explore whether the bears had more, fewer or the same amount of treats as each other. We built towers to explore our new mathematical vocabulary, greater than, less than and equal to. In Geography, we recapped human and physical features that we learnt during our Theme week. We then put this into context with a walk around our school grounds. The children successfully identified human features, such as the school building and the castle, and physical features such as hills and trees. After discussing Harvest in RE, we ended the week with our Harvest Festival, where we enjoyed singing the classic, 'Harvest Samba'.

Year 2

We have finally landed in Australia and are very much enjoying the weather compared

to England right now! We began by using atlases to locate the different continents and found out where Australia is located. In our PE lessons our focus is dance and because we

are in Australia, we have been learning all about aboriginal dancing. We retold the story of the cockatoo through different movements and then in groups retold the story of a kangaroo, an emu and an echidna's friendship. In PSHE we have had some brilliant discussions about what families need to have and gender stereotypes. Now we have come to the end of our class book, Grandpa Chatterji, we spent our last English lesson of the half term completing a book review where we wrote about our favourite part and how the book could be improved. We have also now come to the end of our Place Value unit in Maths and have been spending this week revising our number bonds and fact families to prepare us for the next unit of addition and subtraction. We have played a variety of games to try and remember which numbers are odd and which are even – please quiz us on this at home. We hope you have a lovely half term and are proud of the children's efforts because we definitely are!



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Year 3

Well Year 3 have certainly ended this half term on a high note with some fabulous learning to make them and us feel very proud! In Maths we have looked at ensuring we are neat and clear with our working out, using our Super 6 skill of Organisation to support our work on column addition and subtraction alongside place value charts. We have to be careful to add or remove the correct amount pictorially and then transfer this information to our digits in our column methods, checking for accuracy as we worked. This week we also blended Art and English together to celebrate Black history Month, focusing on the author and poet Amanda Gorman, and her text 'Change Sings'. This is a fantastic illustrated poem encouraging unity, kindness and positive changes one person at a time and the children enjoyed emulating the murals in the texts with their own artworks before adding key information about Amanda Gorman to the work. What a great way to celebrate an inspirational young and creative person. We would like to share as well how proud we have been this term with the children's behaviour and focus during our swimming lessons this term. They have been great ambassadors for the school and we look forward to their final swimming lesson, the first day back after half term. Have a very well-earned rest over the half term break everyone, and we look forward to welcoming you back to lead our way up to the 'C' word celebrations, which Mr Dutton says Mrs Davies is not allowed to get too excited about just yet... It's coming everyone! Its coming!



Year 4

What a fabulous week to end this half term! Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this week to tweak and perfect our Harvest Festival Around the World assembly for the school on Thursday and the hard work certainly paid off! The children wrote the script themselves and encompassed all of our Pirbright values, particularly taking pride in their work! We finished our maths unit of place value this week, learning how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. It was tricky, but we got to grips with it! In English, we watched a video clip called 'Aviatrice', all about the wonderful Jacqueline Auriol, a female pilot and the first person to break the sound barrier. We started by becoming Jacqueline and interviewing her using open and closed questions. We then wrote a diary entry from Jacqueline's point of view about the day she travelled faster than the speed of sound, focusing on her feelings and thoughts on the day. We are certainly ready for a well-deserved rest!



Year 5

It's been busy this week as we conclude our space topic 'To Infinity and Beyond'. We completed our non-chronological reports about Pandora, including sections on its location, the unusual environment (including the rare mineral Unobtainium) and the many different creatures that can be found there. Once edited and improved, the children took great pride in writing them up into their 'WOW' writing books! Our learning about space concluded with finding out how seasons occur, and understanding the phases of the moon. Having spent time on research and creating some fantastic presentations, we presented our collaborative learning about individual planets to the class, where we discovered some excellent information. Interesting quizzes were included, with great use of slideshow set up and animations! We concluded our maths topic on addition and subtraction successfully, with some complex missing number and multi-step problems. Of course, the Grande Finale of our topic was the 'Moon Buggy Racing', where all the children showed how well their project to create a moving vehicle had succeeded. Many races were won and lost, and a good time was had by all! We hope everybody has a wonderful half term, and look forward to the next.



Year 6

Well, where did that half-term go? This week we've continued with our maths unit on the four operations with a particular focus on division. We've even delved into the world of long division! In English, we have written sea-inspired and lighthouse-inspired poems. We used a variety of poems, exploring their structure and imagery. In history, our focus has been on the Blitz. We are very much looking forward to our WW2 theme day shortly after the half-term break. In French we have been looking at the most important meal of the day: breakfast! The children have been learning how to say what they'd like for breakfast. The classes have completed their lessons on football or netball in PE and will swap over after half term. They have also completed their sessions on circuit training and fitness. After a restful week off, we'll be raring to continue with our learning as well as looking forward to the build up to Christmas and all the opportunities that provides for the Year 6 children.

