



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 6th 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

Our learning this week has been inspired by The fantastic story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We explored a variety of different emotions including happiness, fear, love, sadness and calm. We practised our colour mixing skills using paint in the Creative Area and also created vibrant colour monster collages whilst practising our cutting skills by holding scissors correctly. In phonics we have focused on the sounds g, o, c and k and practised orally blending some words. In maths our theme has been comparing size, mass and capacity and we have been introduced to the importance of refining our noticing skills in order to solve challenges independently. We also had a go at exploring simple patterns. This week we were introduced to Drawing Club where we had lots of fun drawing The Colour Monster and using our imagination to draw what we thought might happen in the story! We have enjoyed sharing the KS1 playground with Year One and Year Two pupils the last few weeks too and learning new playground games. Super learning Year R!



Year 1 This week, Year One have continued to challenge themselves within our Continuous and Enhanced provision, accessing different tasks based on our Super 6 skills. 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! In Maths, we have explored writing and reading numbers as words, a tricky skill indeed! 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 from a given number. In English, we enjoyed reading the traditional tale, 'The Three Little Pigs'. We focused on using our phonics knowledge to write what we could see in the pictures, considering suitable adjectives for the characters in the story. Excitingly, in Phonics, 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. Across the curriculum, we continued to look at our body. In Science, we used photographs of ourselves to label parts of our body. In Art, we sketched the main features of our face, looking closely at the shapes of our eyes, nose, mouths and ears, using a mirror to ensure we were as detailed as possible.



Year 2

In Year 2, after a great week focusing on the Lake District last week, we flew back to India to explore henna patterns, Rangoli designs and school life. However, the week started with some music. The children got to explore different pulses and rhythms using their bodies and voices and had a blast doing it! During the rest of the week, we also got stuck into our RE and PSHE units. In these we explored how to be a tour guide and celebrated differences by creating a paper doll chain. In English, after reading another chapter of Grandpa Chatterji, we focused on verbs during his time at the fun fair and answered VIPERS questions on Friday. In Maths, we worked with number lines, counted in 2's, 5's and 10's and compared different numbers. On Wednesday, we had our last session Dance session on India. The children used the moves, skills and ideas that they had accumulated over the last few weeks and put them together to create a dance in a group 4. Finally, thank you to all who joined us for parents evening this week. It is always a great opportunity for us to catch up and for you to see your child's fantastic learning.





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Year 3

It's been another exciting week in Year 3, where we delved straight back into our English focus of 'Stone Age Boy' and got creative wondering how one of the main characters, Om, might feel travelling to present day Pirbright. The children have planned a lovely short story over a couple of days, adding details such as adjectives and adverbs to really make their writing POP! We will begin writing the stories next week and are very exciting to read them once they are complete. In Maths we have been challenging ourselves to find patterns across the different place value columns when adding and subtracting, while really getting to know the role of zero as a place holder. Why not ask your child how the place holder works in each column? They could draw you a place value grid to show you how it works. In computing the children have been learning to word process using the correct fingers on the QWERTY board keys, identifying the role of the shift button and how to type quicker. Why not use your Purple Mash log in and have some fun on the 2Type games at home for further practise.



Well done Year 3!

Year 4

There has been lots of great learning in Year 4 this week! In Maths, the children have estimated numbers up to 10,000 on a number line. They also compared numbers using the greater than, less than and equals sign. In English, the children have loved reading more about Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay's inspiring climb to the top of Mount Everest. This week, they put themselves in the shoes of Edmund Hilary and wrote a diary entry from his perspective. Towards the end of the week, the children used their creativity to write setting descriptions at the top of Everest, so that the mountaineers could remember the feeling of reaching the summit. In contrast to the beauty at the top of Everest, the children learnt about the environmental issues in the Himalayas, with climbers leaving waste; they were shocked at this problem and created posters making people aware, whilst also suggesting solutions. On Wednesday, the whole year group went outside to practise their netball skills; they learnt different ways to shoot, and took part in a competitive shooting game called 'Dungeons'. Following on from their Science learning about sound, the children studied the anatomy of the human ear; to make sure they fully understood, they wrote a diary entry describing the journey of a sound wave! Phew! What a busy week!



Year 5

We have been continuing our learning around our topic this week, carrying out an investigation into shadows, to observe how the sun appears to move in the sky. We understood that the movement of the earth is what causes this, and considered what else is affected by the earth's movement. In English, we took notes from a 'documentary', and began to write a non-chronological report about the exciting fictional planet, Pandora. We are very much looking to reading the finished articles. In art, we continued to work on our Peter Thorpe rocket artwork, with some stunning results!. We also began our technical drawings for our space buggies—we can't wait to get measuring materials and building them! Our maths learning on place value was completed with understanding rounding of numbers to 1,000,000.



Year 6

After a fascinating week exploring the geography of County Antrim as our theme focus last week, we were back into our English unit on Letters from the Lighthouse, following the adventures of the two main characters, Olive and Cliff. We also had the opportunity in history to analyse some news reports about the infamous Kristallnacht events in Germany during the build up to WW2. It was great to see the children identifying bias and the purpose of each text – key historical skills. In PE, we continued with our sessions on netball and football, with a focus on shooting skills and movement / position off the ball. It was great to catch up properly with parents at the parents' evenings and to discuss how well the children have settled into Year 6 and their targets for the year. Thank you to all those children who helped out at Pirbucks!

