



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 16th June 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

What a fantastic visit we had from Zoo Lab this week! The children were so excited to meet all of the wonderful creatures and listened carefully to find out how to stroke and handle them before having a turn themselves - what brave children we have in YR! We were so grateful for the opportunity that it inspired us to write thank you letters to the team at Zoo Lab and tell them about our favourite experiences from holding the long corn snake, Cornflake, to stroking Millie the Millipede! How exciting! In Maths we have enjoyed playing lots of games where the objective was to explore the composition of numbers to 20 to develop our fluency and understanding. We have used tens frames, Numicon and loose parts. In PE we have continued to practise our Sports Day races and are looking forward to the big event next week.



Year 1

Year 1 started off their week with English where we continued reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* and discussed the pros and cons about owning a pet dragon! We had some fantastic ideas and are all a bit jealous that a dragon isn't growing in our garden (...or is it?). We then understood the character by drawing around our friend and filling the outline with everything we know so far about the main character. We then asked questions by writing what we would like to find out next and finally, we wrote a letter to the author about what we have enjoyed so far. In maths, we have learnt about to find a quarter of a number to 20 and begun our new topic of Geometry by describing turns. In science, we learnt about mammals and presented our findings in any way we liked, some of us made posters and some made mini-books. In RE, we recapped the Torah and made our own and in Independent Learning, we have had some exciting challenges such as making a bird feeder, throwing and catching with a partner, finding facts from non-fiction books and drawing dragons! We have also showed Perseverance throughout our Phonics Screening this week and our teachers are very proud of us. Have a lovely weekend!



Year 2

The sun has been shining and it has certainly made a difference here in Year 2! After learning how to tell the time to five minute intervals last week, we have now moved onto comparing lengths of time and have been answering questions such as 'Which is longer 80 minutes or 1 hour and ten minutes?'. In our topic lessons this week we have shown great curiosity when learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We also became creative story writers this week and narrated our wordless video clip 'Something Fishy'. We were extremely lucky at the beginning of the week to have a lovely visitor come in to make Victorian peg dolls with us, like real Victorian children! They look absolutely amazing and we had so much fun creating them! This week has also been very exciting because ... Friday was our Victorian Day! Everybody fully immersed themselves into the day and looked wonderful! We experienced what school life was like, taking part in handwriting, reading, writing and arithmetic sessions and made our own Victorian thaumatrope. In the afternoon, we enjoyed playing Victorian games and even had a fabulous Victorian picnic on the school field... including some delicious Victoria sponge cake, yum!





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Year 3

What a week of glorious weather! We have embraced the sunshine and started our rounders topic on the field. The children became familiar with a rounders pitch, where the bases, batter and bowler are. We then practised running to first base as quickly as possible, with the backstop throwing the ball to try and get that person out. After that, we looked at not out-running someone who is already on a base. The children quickly grasped the idea of the game and are looking forward to honing their batting, throwing and catching skills next week. The children have been working hard and completing their fact files on David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg. We've really focussed on using our subordinate conjunctions to join our facts together and start our sentences with interesting adverbs. We've also looked at sketching by recreating some of Andy Goldsworthy's art, focusing on how to create light, dark and depth.



Year 4

After a fun filled week of exhibition prep last week, it was great to get back to the individual subjects. This week saw us exploring money: pounds and pence, ordering and comparing amounts. While coins and notes aren't used very often any more, it was great to see that the children could still identify amounts. In English, we jumped back into Romeo and Juliet! The children acted out the story, got to grips with the characters (all those names are confusing!) and wrote a diary entry from a character's point of view. In the afternoons, we continued to move through our Roman learning: looking at Roman houses, Bathhouses and aqueducts as well as the gods. This week was topped off with another fab tennis lesson across the road and a music lesson with Mrs Peers Wednesday afternoon.



Year 5

It's getting very busy in year 5! We have continued our 'Raiders and Invaders' topic, learning about Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and settlements, and finding out how many of our existing town names originated in Anglo-Saxon times. We revisited The Highwayman from the perspective of Tim the Ostler, writing a witness statement, and also learnt some stanzas of the poem to perform to the class. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Wildfowl and



Wetlands Trust in Arundel, where we found some amazing creatures in our pond dipping session. We also learnt about bird adaptations on our walk around the wetlands. What a scorching hot day it was; the area looked beautiful in the sunshine.. On Wednesday, year 5 were able to audition for next week's Pirbright Has Talent—we can't wait to see the performance! Of course, Friday saw the long-awaited spectacle of 5DC's class assembly—well done 5DC, you were amazing!



Year 6

An unusual combination of South America and Macbeth has continued to dominate proceedings in Year 6 this week. In Geography, the children zoomed in on Brazil and spent some time learning about the most significant human and physical features in the country (not surprisingly, the Maracanã Stadium was a particular favourite!). As a follow-up, they practised their mapwork skills by first locating these sites and then plotting them accurately onto their own maps. In English, we have reached the early dramatic highpoint in Macbeth where King Duncan is found slain in his bedchamber. The children had great fun composing gossipy newspaper articles about the murder, including some gloriously splashy banner headlines! The other big project this week has been their ongoing work on 'Theme Park Maths'. Having finished designing their parks, this week the children have been busy determining tickets prices and working out the potential revenue streams from shops, cafes and snack kiosks. The next stage in this task will be to take costs into account, before making profit or loss projections for the year and making decisions about how to invest those returns.

