



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 9th 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

The Rainbow Fish has been our focus story this week, as we have been exploring all the wonderful creatures that live in or beside our oceans. We have been fascinated by sharks, starfish and seahorses. The theme of the story has also helped us to explore the importance of sharing and kindness, something that we believe is very important, especially in YR. In Maths we have focused on the skill of sharing and grouping up to 10 objects. We have learnt how to weave paper and used this skill to create our own woven fish art and we also created a colourful collage inspired by the Rainbow Fish. Our new Super Six focus skill is to be a Collaborative camel. Using this skill, we worked in pairs to form our own under water themed multi-media ocean scene. It was a monumental week for RGC, who were delighted to have the opportunity to share their first class assembly with the school and some parents too. We feel very proud of this milestone achievement. Super effort!



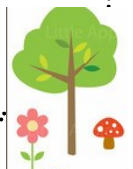
Year 1

Year One have had a great start to Summer 2! We began the week with English where we were introduced to our new book called The Boy Who Grew Dragons. It is our first chapter book we're reading so we are very excited! We discussed the front cover and made predictions on what we think the book will be about. We then listened to sentences that were read out by our teacher and had a go at writing them from memory. We then used a purple polishing pen to edit and improve our work. In maths, we have learnt about halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. We cut up shapes to show our understanding! In Computing, we have continued with Coding and giving characters instructions on the screen. In RE, we have learnt about the Torah as part of our Judaism topic and wrote a sentence on our whiteboards to explain what it is. Why not ask us? In PE, we had our first tennis lesson which was great fun and we learnt lots of techniques on how to throw and catch the ball. In PSHE, we learnt about consent and what this word means. We learnt the importance of it and discusses scenarios as a class. We ended the week with The Big read and had a lovely time reading with our friends and family in the sunshine!



Year 2

What a great start to the last half term this week has been! In maths, we continued to learn how to tell the time, looking at five-minute intervals in more detail and began to tell the time 'towards the hour'. This was definitely a challenge but we showed great resilience and collaboration! We became creative writers in English, writing a setting description of our new video clip 'Something Fishy' and made sure we included exciting vocabulary in our expanded noun phrases! We also started researching more about Victorian schools in preparation for our very exciting Victorian Day next Thursday and were surprised by the facts we learnt! In PSHE we have continued learning about different ways to keep safe and our focus on Tuesday was 'strangers'. This week also saw us develop our coding skills as we learnt more about how to create codes to make different objects move around the screen. Finally, we ended the week recapping some guided reading skills and taking part in another fabulous Big Read.





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Year 3

This week, we've hit the ground running and jumped straight back into our fractions learning. We are building upon our first block of fractions and have been adding and subtracting fractions with a common denominator. We learnt the golden rule where you only adding or subtracting the numerator, finding out how many equal parts you have. Leading on, we looked at finding a unit fraction of an amount, something the children find a little more challenging, so it was wonderful to see so much perseverance! We've also begun or fact file topic in English, looking at the features and researching Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough so we can write our own fact file next week. We will have a particular focus on using subordinating conjunctions, using our joined-up handwriting and using interesting sentence starters. The children have continued to thoroughly enjoy our djembe topic in music, learning how to create low and high sounds on the drum using different parts of our hands and reading formal notations. It's been a noisy but extremely rewarding topic!



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

Welcome back to the last half term of Year, we hope you had a lovely break! This week saw the start of our new topic, Raiders and Invaders, kicking off with an introduction to the narrative poem 'The Highwayman', which we began by gathering evidence to work out what crime had been committed. We also began our learning about Anglo-Saxons—where they came from and why they came to Britain. The children spent some time looking at the chronology of the historic periods they have learnt about during their time at school, and fitting them onto a timeline. Using their researched information, the children then generated high quality sentences that they will be able to use in their writing next week. In Maths, we completed our topic on Position and Direction successfully, and spent some time looking at symmetrical patterns. As we are now building up to Sports Day, we also practised athletics in PE, taking advantage of some of the lovely weather.



Year 6

It has been lovely to welcome the Year 6 children back to school after the half term, for their final weeks at Pirbright! In Geography, we began the week by revising their knowledge of world geography, including learning about the tropics, hemispheres, latitude and longitude, as well as oceans and continents. Following on from this, we zoomed in to South America, which is where a lot of our summer term learning will be based! The children have researched the physical geographical features of South America by creating an annotated map, full of facts about some of the different places that are there, including the Bolivian salt flats, the Amazon Rainforest and the Andes mountain range. Most excitingly, on Thursday, we had a visit from the Guildford Shakespeare Company, who came in to excite the children about their new English unit: Macbeth. The children have begun to form an understanding of the general plot points of the play, but have mainly been focusing on the opening battle scene, where they have written a description of the battle between the Scots and the Norwegians.

