



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 24th February 2023

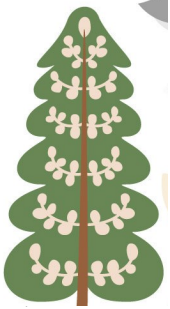
Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

Our 'Toys and Games' topic has continued to engage the children this week, as we have focused on our favourite soft toys inspired by the story 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. We talked about how we might feel if we lost our favourite toy as Dave lost Dogger. On Thursday we were shocked to find that Max and Jupiter were missing so we created 'lost' posters to help people find them and reunite them with Year R! We have looked at toys with moving parts and channelled our persevering panda super six skill and created our own toys with a moving element using split pins. We have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Polly Put The Kettle On' and discussed the kettles in the past before we had electricity. Inspired by the nursery rhyme, we have enjoyed making tea in the water tray too! In maths, we have continued to deepen our knowledge of the composition of 6, 7 and 8 by arranging amounts into pairs and noticing if there's one left out or if the groups are equal. Our maths skills have also been challenged with combining two groups to find a new total all together. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Lomanto (who is a real dance teacher) lead our lesson in which we created firework dance sequences using ribbon sticks. It was so much fun!



Year 1



Well done Year One for another exciting week (made even more exciting with the snow day!). We started the week with English where we were introduced to our new book, 'Journey'. This is a special book as it has no words which means we get to use our imaginations! We begun by predicting the story using the front cover to help us. We then used the prefix un- to write some sentences and used inference to write what would happen next in the story, using the images to help us. In Geography, we compared the routes different explorers travelled and discussed which areas of the world were less explored. In maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards and filling in missing numbers. In PSHE, we learnt about how to look after our teeth and in music, we used the glockenspiels to create a piece of music. We also enjoyed exploring snow on Wednesday which fitted perfectly with learning about The Arctic! Have a great weekend!



Year 2

We started our week with a fantastic school trip to Nower Wood, where we took part in so many different minibeast related activities! These included going on a mini beast hunt and sorting them into how many legs they have, using our senses to complete a blindfold trail, creating nature potions and playing fun games including 'woolly worms' and 'moths and bats'. We were amazed when the microscope showed us the minibests we'd found up close and could even see a slug's eyes and teeth! In English we've been working hard to write a recount of our trip which includes time conjunctions and adventurous vocabulary. This week in our Maths lessons, we've begun measuring in cm and m and as Wednesday was 'World Maths Day' we spent time on Mathletics and took part in a competition. International Women's Day was also this week and we created some amazing comic strips which all had a female superhero. In RE we continued our journey into why Christians believe Jesus is a saviour and created a job advertisement to list the qualities and skills a saviour needs.



Year 3

This week has been a week of celebrations, with International Woman's Day and World Math's Day. We took part in a live maths challenge where we could not only compete against each other but also against children across the world. It was very on topic when some children were surprised to see they were playing against someone in Egypt! This was a one day event and it was so lovely to see all the children so engrossed, motivated and enthusiastic about Mathematics. We can't wait to see this continue at home! At the beginning of the week, we started our new length and perimeter topic and have spent our time exploring the golden

rules to measure accurately for measuring in cm and mm. Non-chronological reports have been our focus for English this week; picking out key features (technical language formal tone, subheadings, text boxes, past and present tense), thinking of subheadings for our own report and writing an informative introduction. We have also learnt about Egyptian jobs in topic, continued our Reggae music exploration and started our basketball skills in PE. Full steam ahead!



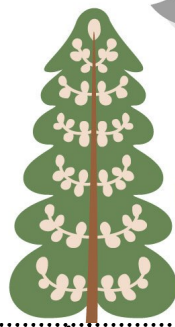
Year 4

Having started our Greek Art project last week, the afternoons have seen the year group busy with either paint, clay or a sewing needle. The individual pieces of art are wonderful and we are very excited to see them come together over the next week or so. On Monday, the children continued their gymnastics unit with Ms Jackson and created Mardi Gras masks with Mrs Parsons and Miss Philbrick for RE. In Maths, the children continued to develop their fraction knowledge, and in English, having started Krindlekrax on Friday for World Book day, the children wrote a character description, a recount of events and then a letter. On Wednesday it was International Women's Day and World Maths Day and the children completed tasks related to these topics. Finally on Friday, the children continued their learning on Internet Research by looking at their preferred search engine and how to navigate the wonders of the internet.

Year 5

This week, we launched our 'Life Explorers' topic and considered what we already knew, and what we would like to find out. We began with the human life-cycle, and continued with the science of plant reproduction, discovering some very interesting information along the way. We began our classic literature unit too, with 'Five Children and It', as the children researched what life was like for a child in the time period of the book (1902). They wrote some excellent character descriptions of 'It', having sketched him from information provided in the text. In Maths, we

continued to learn about Perimeter and Area, understanding how to calculate both for compound shapes. Finally, it was World Book Day—the children (and parents) outdid themselves with their costumes, and we had a fantastic literature-focused day. The performances of 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' were excellent!



Year 6 The fact that *World Maths Day* and *International Women's Day* both happened this week (and in fact on the very same day!), meant that Year 6 were never short of inspiration or challenge this week! The opportunity to take on students from around the world at live Mathematics was a particular highlight, as was discussing the many and varied qualities of aspirational women. Having the choice of any girl or woman (alive or dead, British or foreign, famous or otherwise...), it was heart-warming that most of the children decided that the most inspirational woman that they could think of was their own mum! In English, we have continued reading Louis Sachar's novel 'Holes'. Using the information from the text, the children created maps of *Camp Green Lake*, and then wrote vivid setting descriptions focusing on adventurous vocabulary and using prepositions. In Maths, we have been refreshing our knowledge of 2D shapes and completing some work on the angles within triangles. We concluded the week by creating some outstanding artwork based on 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. As our topic is 'Celebrating Me', the children put their own spin on the artwork, showing a starry night over their own special place.

