



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 24th February 2023

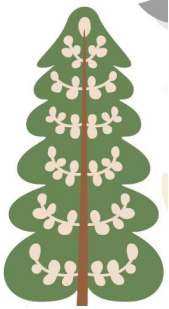
Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

Year One have had a great start to Spring 2! We can't quite believe we are over half way through the year now! We started the week with English where we began reading *The Smeds and Smoos*. We had to listen to the description and draw what we thought Janet and Bill looked like. We then wrote some descriptive sentences. We also wrote thought bubbles on how they may be thinking at certain part of the story. In maths we practised adding by making 10. We definitely found this a challenge but were very proud of ourselves! In PSHE, we learnt about the importance of being kind as well as how to maintain a healthy living. In PE, we continued with gymnastics as well as some outdoor games on the playground! In Art, we had a go at drawing *The Wright Brothers* aeroplane and then had a go at making our own after learning about Samuel Cody! In DT, we designed our own futuristic flying machine and ended the week with our lovely Learning Look where we showed off all our fantastic work!



Year 1

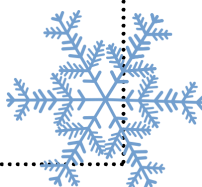
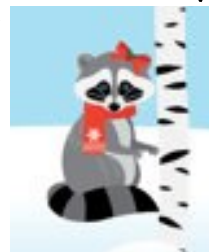


What a great way to finish this half term– the children will be ready for a rest! Having finished our book "*Beegu*", we thought about what we liked and disliked about the story and wrote a short review using the word 'because' to explain our views. We then some time learning the alphabet using songs and actions as well as matching the capital letters to their lower case letters. In Maths we have continued working on our addition and subtraction skills, using practical equipment as well as numberlines and tens frames to help us visualise what happens to numbers when we add or takeaway. We have even learnt a few tricks of the trade such as how to use our number bonds to ten or doubles to help when adding numbers. Having learnt about Christopher Columbus, this week we added him to our Explorer Fact file which we are creating in Word. We learnt to find an image on Google, copy and paste it into our document. We then added our fascinating fact about him. In addition to our usual learning, this week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. We spent time with our Year 4 buddy class enjoying art and music activities as well as taking the time to do some calm meditation. Enjoy a restful half term!



Year 2

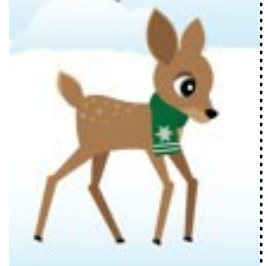
We have jumped straight back into our learning this week and have shown brilliant positive attitudes and great curiosity. Our time reading '*The Secret Dinosaur*' has come to an end and as the story left us on a cliff-hanger, we decided to write our own endings to the story. We carefully planned what would happen to the dinosaurs who had escaped the museum and included exciting verbs, adverbs, adjectives and sentence starters. We continued learning about animals in Science by looking at life cycles and discovering micro-habitats around our school environment. Ask us which ones we found. This half term in RE we are focusing on Christianity and discussing who Christians believe Jesus is, why he is believed to be special and why he is referred to as a saviour. We have also been very busy in our Maths lessons this week, revising odd and even numbers, how to double and halve numbers, 2-, 5- and 10-times table facts and answering division questions.



Year 3

What a week! We had a blast with our Experience Day today and it was great to see all the wonderful costumes. Year 3 learnt all the gory 'ins and outs' of mummification, what happens to the organs, the meaning of the different amulets that are placed on the body, and how to wrap our toys! We also used our Super 6 skill of collaboration to work together on a STEM challenge to build a free-standing pyramid! Also this week, putting our DT hats on, we have learnt about Shadufs by exploring pivots and levers and then designing our own functioning Shadufs which transports water from the river Nile in Egypt to the crops. Our

creative writing has really stepped up a notch this week and we have been blown away with how effectively the children have used fronted adverbs to make their setting descriptions engaging for the reader. We look forward to developing this further next week with onomatopoeia and subordinate conjunctions. To finish off our guided reading topic, The Legend of Spud Murphy, we used our inference skills to explain the character development of both Spud Murphy and the two boys, Will and Marty.



Year 4

The highlight of the week was our Ancient Greece theme day. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and enjoyed a range of activities, including pot and plate designs, exploring structures and columns, taking part in our own mini Olympics and tasting some traditional Greek food. In English this week, we continued to explore a variety of poems and have written our own kenning poems. Our maths focus has moved into fractions. This week we started by looking at a whole and how many parts are in a whole depending on the fraction. Over the week the children completed a jigsaw task where they learnt about military leaders, philosophers, scientists and famous statesmen to round off our learning about Ancient Greece before we head into other units. We are looking forward to seeing a range of different quizzes showcasing the learning from this term (see Home Learning).



Year 5

Year 5 have had a good first week back after an enjoyable half term and have shown that they are ready to smash the second half of the year. In English, we finished off our learning based around the book 'The Arrival', which we started before the holidays. We wrote emotive letters from the POV of the main character and in the latter part of the week, we up-levelled some of our previous writing—trying hard to make improvements using the Year 5 Wishlist. In Maths, we came to the end of our second fractions unit. We found fractions of amounts and used all of the knowledge we have collected over the past 2 units when finding the whole. At the start of the week, we began thinking about our Year 5 Easter assembly and started the ball rolling with planning and preparation. We are ready to start our new topic next week and are looking forward to some new learning!



Year 6

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the half term, especially as many of them came in armed with some incredible family trees; we are so impressed with how much effort they have put into the research and presentation! Other than listening to the children discussing their family histories, we have been busy with lots of learning! In Maths, we have begun our new topic: fractions, decimals and percentages, with a particular focus on finding equivalent fractions and decimals. Most excitingly, in English, we began the week by researching the life and work of the famous children's author: Louis Sachar. We began by reading the hilarious tales of 'Wayside School', where the children met some pretty unusual characters (even a teacher who turn children into apples!) and have been writing some very entertaining character descriptions. On Thursday, we also began our learning for RSE (relationships and sex education) with an introductory lesson, refreshing their Year 5 knowledge about how the body changes during puberty.

