



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 3rd February 2023

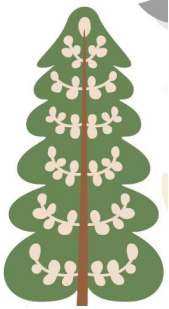
Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

In Reception this week, we have been exploring freezing and melting. On Monday, we were surprised to find that some of our polar bears and penguins had frozen over the weekend, we thought carefully about different methods we could use to melt the ice and rescue them! We found out that we could use pipettes and warm water to help us with the melting process. Later in the week, we read 'Lonny Little The Ice Cap is Melting' The story inspired us to create an iceberg for polar bear by filling containers with water and placing them in the freezer. Our maths learning has continued with measures and a focus on capacity this week. We have enjoyed filling containers and using key words such as full, empty, almost full and almost empty to compare them. We carefully measured the capacity of different containers to find out which ones could hold the most liquid. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we each created and decorated a piece of a paperchain which we then linked together as a whole school on the field! On Friday, we were super impressed to see the children using their Persevering Panda skills to run 2 laps of the field for our Cross County event. Well done Reception!



Year 1

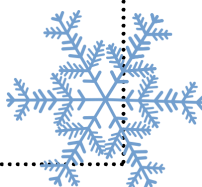
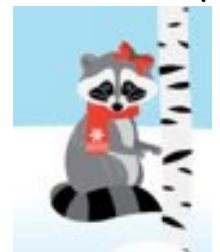


What a great way to finish this half term- the children will be ready for a rest! Having finished our book "Beegu", we thought about what we liked and disliked about the story and wrote a short review using the word 'because' to explain our views. We then some time learning the alphabet using songs and 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

This week it's been Children's mental health week and as the theme is 'Let's Connect', we have been discussing lots of different ways we can connect with one another. In computing we spent time talking about what we do online, how we can connect using technology and listed the ways we can be safe online. In PSHE, we each created a strip of a paper chain and on Thursday we met on the playground with the rest of the school to join each class chain together. It was a fantastic moment to show how we are united. Throughout the week in our Science lessons, we have been describing how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We then learnt the difference between minibeasts and insects and explored the microhabitats in the school grounds, making and recording our observations. We have enjoyed continuing our unit of multiplication in Maths and begun discussing the link it has to division. In English we have been working on our VIPERS skills and working hard to put evidence from the text into our answers. Cross country was a brilliant way to end the week! We are so proud of the children for showing such perseverance!



Year 3

What a lovely week it has been to end this half of the Spring term in Year 3. The children have really enjoyed the range of activities we have done to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week; discussing how we can connect and make a difference as individuals and as part of a network of people across the world. The children particularly enjoyed making our class individual links in our paperchains and connecting with the rest of the school for this activity. As part of our topic, the children have been learning about irrigation and farming around the river Nile. As part of this the children conducted a very exciting science experiment, mixing different soil samples from around the school in water and making observations for how the soil settled. This enabled them to describe the different sediment layers and compare them from one area to the next. In English we have watched a short comedy about an Egyptologist and his camel, and have

begun to write it as a short story in our own words, considering the effective use of language and applying elements from our Y3 Writing Wishlist that we have learned, such as conjunctions, adverbs and expanded noun phrases. Some children even used onomatopoeia! Ask your child about the kinds of language they used in their description. In Maths, we have continued to delve deeper into the world of multiplication and recall our place value knowledge to enable us to find partial and total products, sometimes exchanging as we added. The children learned that for multiplication of a two-digit number they could partition into tens and ones, multiply these by the given multiple and then add their partial products at the end. A multi-step process. Great job Year 3! Please do have lots of rest and lots of fun over the half term break, ready to join us again for our continued topic of Ancient Egypt. We look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks and are particularly looking forward to our 'Egyptian Experience Day' on Friday 24th February!



Year 4

It's been great to move onto some poetry this week after finishing our epic Greek story writing. The children have focused on rhyme and rhythm. In maths, we have completed our unit on length and perimeter and it's great to see real progress on times-tables from a large number of the children. We have been talking about how to stay safe online as part of Safer Internet Day and have considered the importance of talking to others to maintain good mental health in the Children's Mental Health week with a focus on 'Let's Connect'. In our topic work, we have been learning about the gods of Ancient Greece and applying our sketching skills to Greek warriors and cartoon characters. We are looking forward to our Ancient Greeks theme day after half term!



Year 5

A very busy last week of the half term! We have spent some time looking at the beautiful picture book, *The Arrival*, considering why the main character had to leave his home, and where he might have gone. In Maths, we have begun multiplying fractions - all the hard work the children have put into their fractions learning so far this year is really paying off now. In other areas of our Diversity topic, we continued learning about Islam and Woking. The highlight of the week was our trip to the Shah Jahan Mosque and the Lightbox - it was a fantastic experience going on the train and visiting these places. The children were amazing, representing the school and sharing their knowledge with the teacher at the Mosque. At the end of such a full week, what better way to finish than with the House Team Cross Country event - everyone did their best and should be proud of themselves. We hope you all have a well-deserved, restful half term.



Year 6

We cannot believe that the first half although it does feel as though we have achieved a lot in such a short space of time! This week, the children began by using the music video '*Lover of the Light*' as a stimulus for writing. This made for an excellent piece of descriptive writing! Elsewhere, it has been a very active week! In Science, the children applied their Maths skills to present data that they had collected themselves about how their heart rate reacts to different forms of exercise; it was clear that everyone's heart rate was higher after the more intense exercises! We then began to discuss why that might be, in preparation for explaining our findings in a DEAL conclusion. The long-absent sun finally decided to come out for our PE lesson on Wednesday, where we wrapped up our hockey topic with a very competitive inter-house tournament. The highlight of the week was of course, this afternoon's cross-country races; not only did Year 6 show excellent sportsmanship, they also provided support and encouragement for the younger children too.

