



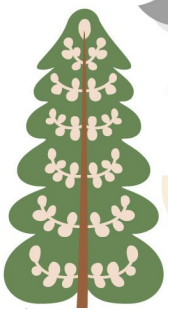
# Pirbright's Learning Week

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 we have been travelling north this week and using our imagination to explore the Arctic! We used maps and a globe to locate the Arctic and in contrast remind ourselves where in the world we live. We watched footage of the Arctic and used adjectives to describe the landscape and compared this to where we live. The Arctic fox, hare, snowy owl, whale, seal and of course polar bear are the amazing creatures we have enjoyed discovering live in the Arctic in extreme conditions. Our favourite fact was that although the polar bear's white fur enables it to be camouflaged, its skin is actually black! In Maths we have been exploring mass, using balance scales to weigh various objects and observing which is heavier and lighter. We observed what happened to the scales when 2 objects weighed the same amount and learnt the word equal. In Art we have been learning about the artist Kandinsky and talking about how he created his colourful paintings. We have been mixing our own colours and shades and creating our own concentric circle paintings, they are a true work of art!



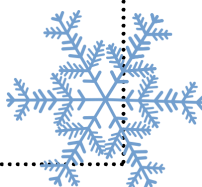
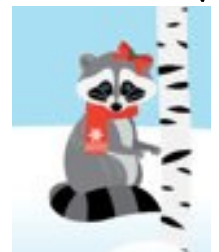
## Year 1

Another busy week down in Year 1 this week! In English, we wrote about the character and used question marks and exclamation marks in our writing. We wrote thought bubbles on what characters in the book may be thinking at different parts of the story and compared the emotions each of them feels. We also wrote a letter to Beegu telling her how lovely Earth is and all the wonderful things that we have on this planet. Finally, we sequenced the story and discussed our favourite parts of the story. In maths, we added by counting on using numbers to 20 and started learning about number bonds to 20. In RE, we sequenced and discussed two Parables from The Bible and in DT, we designed and made a boat and tested to see whether it would sink or float! We predicted what materials would be best for a boat beforehand! We also learnt about a famous explorer, Christopher Columbus! In PE, we practised for next week's Cross Country and on Friday, we continued with our Number Bonds Challenge. Another busy, but exciting week!



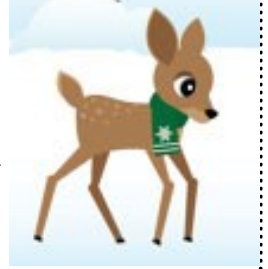
## Year 2

What another brilliant, jampacked week! In English, 'The Secret Dinosaur' story is starting to get very exciting... After Marlin was caught and very nearly arrested, we had to write a letter to the Police Detective, Inspector Bailey, to convince her Marlin was not stealing and was instead trying to make the dinosaurs come back to life! In our Science lessons, it was time to move on from the dinosaurs and turn our attention to animals. We looked at the four things animals need to survive, food chains and how each habitat helps different kinds of animals to survive. We have begun our new maths unit of multiplication and have enjoyed looking at equal groups and introducing the multiplication symbol. In computing we've continued to learn about how we can search the internet safely and practise the skill of copying and pasting to add more pictures and information to our power point presentation about a chosen dinosaur.



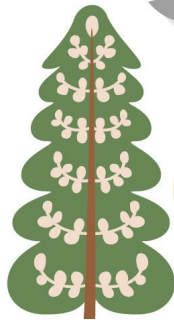
## Year 3

Firstly, it was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening, in person and online, and share all the children's learning within the classroom. We started the week with some mysterious envelopes on our desks. Once they were opened, we found artefacts and information about Howard Carter, the archaeologist who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922. We were able to think about how he would have felt and wrote our own diaries from his point of view. On the theme of Ancient Egypt, we looked at why farming was so important to the Ancient Egyptians and this led us onto investigating different soil types; collecting soil samples around the school and using magnifying glasses to see details. In Maths, we've been looking at using known multiplication facts to solve other multiplication problems. We have been using our reasoning skills to explain that if one of the numbers in the calculation is ten times bigger, then the answer will also be ten times bigger. We ended our week with a BANG with an Ancient Egyptian Creative Day where we created our own clay cartouches, fimo shabtis, papyrus and hieroglyph clay slabs. The Year 3 children can't wait to share it all with you at our pop up museum later this term.



## Year 4

This week the children enjoyed their final session of swimming. Ms Jackson was very impressed with the progress that has been made since November and all of us were proud of how the children have demonstrated their Pirbright Values when attending the Spectrum weekly. In Maths this week, after revisiting cm/m/mm/km, we explored perimeter. In English, after having enjoyed reading 'The Labours of Heracles' the children planned, wrote and edited their own labour for Heracles to complete. In the afternoons, we fully immersed ourselves in our Ancient Greece knowledge looking at democracy, wars and weapons while comparing how people in the different city states lived throughout that period. The highlight of the week has to be 4DS's fantastic class assembly. Great job 4DS!



## Year 5

This week Year 5 have completed our first unit on multiplication and division, and have demonstrated our problem solving skills using long multiplication and short division (bus stop method). Our learning about Woking and Diversity continued, and in English the children immersed themselves in the life of our visual literacy character 'Little Freak' and have written some excellent persuasive letters. In Art, we considered geometric patterns in Islamic art; the children created their own artwork in this style. We also looked at some of the key areas of Woking on 'Digimap' learning how to insert markers and text labels, then comparing the area as it looks now to what it looked like in the past, considering how the town has grown in the last 100-150 years. In addition, we studied the development of the railways, and the importance of the line between London and Woking, with its links to the London Necropolis Company and Brookwood Cemetery.



## Year 6

It was great to see so many of you during the parents' consultation meetings this week, whether it was in person or virtually! Another obvious sign that we are approaching the business-end of Year 6 already, is that we spent much of the week doing a round of practice SATS papers. This helps the children to familiarise themselves with the format (avoiding any surprises in May!) and also helps us to identify any areas that we need to revisit in class before the tests come around. Other curriculum areas have not been entirely neglected though: in Science, we started a new topic about animals (including humans), this week we have been looking at the anatomy of the human heart and how it works to deliver freshly-oxygenated blood to the muscles; in PE, we have continued to develop our hockey skills, focusing on shooting in particular; and in Art, we have been learning how to compose informed responses to famous paintings by focusing on the subject, movement, attention to detail and the artist's use of colour, contrast and light.

