



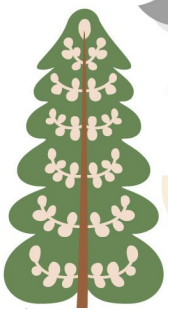
# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 27th January 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

After reading the story Poles Apart, we discussed where in the world we live and where we might find the polar bears and penguins. We took time to explore the map of the world and identified the parts that were land and sea. After listening to some information about penguins and Antarctica, we used our fantastic phonics skills to write our own sentences. There has been some lovely imaginative storytelling happening in our polar small world trays. Our maths learning has focused upon addition and finding the total of two or three groups up to a total of five. We began exploring a part, whole model to show this learning. Using our artistic skills, we have identified primary colours and explored colour mixing using finger painting. We were excited to try out the cross-country course for the first time. Everybody tried their best and demonstrated how to be a persevering panda!



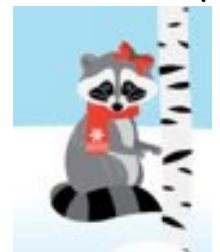
## Year 1

Year One have been busy this week, starting with English! We have continued reading our class text 'Beegu' and each lesson, we learn a little bit more! This week, we have discussed what we like and dislike about the book so far and put our thoughts into sentences. We then looked at the characters emotions and labelled Beegu on what we know about her personality and looks as well as what emotions she feels. We then wrote about a friend in the class and why that friend is important to us. In maths we have been comparing numbers to 20 and ordering and comparing amounts to 20. We also practised addition and subtraction with numbers to 20. In History, we learnt about a famous explorer called Ibn Battuta. We learnt about where he travelled and why he was well known (a very long time ago!). In PSHE, we have learnt about safe and unsafe situations and how to look after ourselves and in Computing, we wrote about Ibn Battuta on Word and practised typing and saving our work. In Science, we did a float or sink experiment and in Independent Learning (and with the cold weather!), we enjoyed becoming explorers and digging out treasure hidden in the ice!



## Year 2

It's been another action-packed week here in Year 2! We used our computing skills on Monday to research some more information about Mary Anning and used these facts to plan and write our very own non-chronological reports about her life. We were also very lucky to have been visited by Julia who brought in her amazing collection of fossils and taught us all about them! In PE we continued our gymnastics unit and combined our knowledge of balances and rolls to create a sequence with a clear starting and finishing position. We enjoyed performing our sequences to the rest of the class and giving feedback to our friends. In English this week we have been learning about contractions, conjunctions and different word groups. Give us a word and we will see if we can tell you whether it is a noun, adjective, verb or adverb! We have been very busy in our Maths sessions this week and have finished our unit on money. We have been using our knowledge of the different coins and notes to calculate amounts, find different ways to make a pound and find how much change is needed.

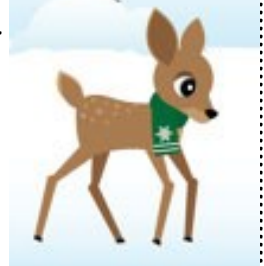


## Year 3

It really is all go at the minute in year 3! I'm not sure we can fit anymore learning in! It has been so lovely to see lots of the children start different clubs this week and even better hearing all about them back in the classroom. In English, we have revisited instruction writing but through the lens of Stig of the Dump. We thought about our favourite games, planned and wrote a set of instructions for a friend to follow. We used the year 3 writing wish list to make sure they were in chronological order, add in

adverbial phrases of time, imperative verbs and subordinate

conjunctions. In Topic, we have learnt about the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt. Can your child name the 6 pieces of information they chose to put onto their River Nile poster? To top off a busy week, we've enjoyed continuing to learn how to feed a ball effectively to our partner in tennis as well as play games using a racket, getting our bodies into good positions and hitting a ball that has been fed to us accurately. We look forward to another week of learning at the speed of life!



## Year 4

We enjoyed our writing workshop on Tuesday afternoon and this tied in nicely with our ongoing 'Myths and Legends' unit in English. This week we had an opportunity to explore a variety of Greek myths and 4DS started to prepare for their class assembly, Theseus and the Minotaur. In Maths, the children have practised their division before moving onto measures work. We have been familiarising ourselves with the Ancient Greek city-states and the key features of life in ancient Sparta and ancient Athens. In RE we have been considering the importance of prayer to Christians, with specific focus on the meaning of The Lord's Prayer. We enjoyed our penultimate swimming session, some hockey and some football in PE.



## Year 5

It has been a busy week in Year 5 with lots of Diversity learning bouncing around the classrooms. In our English lessons, we have been creating our own versions of 'For the Birds'. We changed the animals, settings and differences of the characters. Our focus was celebrating categories of diversity, which we think our stories definitely did! In Maths, we have finished our fraction topic, working on subtracting. We found breaking the whole a challenge but persevered. In our reading sessions, we began our class text: Wonder by RJ Palacio. We worked on being able to answer VIPERS questions in full sentences and putting ourselves into the shoes of a character. Our topic work has continued to be fun too as we collected data about our differences (thinking scientifically) and began exploring different faiths. Taking part in a Kahoot quiz all about the Five Pillars of Islam was a highlight for sure!



## Year 6

After such an intense week last week, it has been great to settle back into our normal Year 6 routine again this week! We have been very busy learning about a variety of different topic areas from ratio in Mathematics to Light & Shadow in Science. In English, the children have been further refining their biography writing skills: this week focusing on the life, influence and great achievements of a real-life person who has inspired them individually. We never realised how little we knew about YouTubers! However, we weren't quite ready to completely move on from Ellie Fredriksen and *Up*, so in Music this week, the children learned to play the theme song, *Married Life*, using keyboards and formal notation. Meanwhile, in PE, we had a very cold session of hockey, focusing on shielding the ball and other defensive skills. Throughout the week, several children have been being put through their Bikeability paces and their instructors were full of praise for their skill, effort and behaviour.

