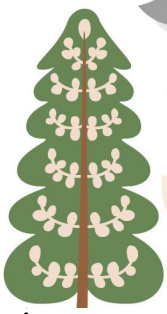


Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

Kung Hei Fat Choy! We have been learning all about Chinese New Year this week and how it is celebrated in different places around the world, as it is 'the year of the rabbit'. We have been creating moving dragon puppets, lanterns and animal masks and have been painting Mandarin symbols. Whilst tasting noodles, we have been developing our fine motor skills by learning how to use chopsticks; which are trickier than they first seem! We used a five frame to vote whether we liked these or not and looked at the information we collected. In Maths we have been learning to find 1 less and using the language 'fewer' and 'more' to compare quantities. We have also been playing a practical game with beanbags and hoops to explore the composition of 5. We have also been utilising our measuring skills to measure out the ingredients to make self serve playdough in continuous provision. We are very proud of how our youngest pupils shone this week and shared their amazing learning with our special visitors.

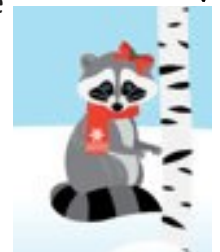


Year 1 Year One have been fantastic the week and really showed off how wonderful they are! In English, we started reading our new class text, 'Beegu'. We began by looking at the front cover and analysing the picture with facts, thoughts and questions we have. We then made predictions and did freeze frames of the illustrations. In Maths, we have learnt about Tens and Ones with numbers to 20 as well as one more and one less. In Geography, we became Explorers and went on an Expedition around school using compasses, binoculars and clues to find the treasure! In RE, we have learnt about what a Parable is and read two Parables from The Bible. In Science, we did an experiment to find out what material is best for a travelling car. We wrote up our conclusion on what we found out. In our Reading Practise Sessions, we showed off our brilliant decoding, prosody and comprehension skills and during Independent Learning, we used globes and atlases to find different countries beginning with each letter of the alphabet! Our teachers are very proud of all our hard work this week.



Year 2 This week we have continued learning about dinosaurs by talking about how they were first discovered.

We have learnt about Mary Anning, sequenced the events in her life and really enjoyed sketching half of her portrait. In English we are onto chapter five of 'The Secret Dinosaur' and we have written a set of instructions to the museum about how to care for the dinosaurs which include time conjunctions, imperative verbs and adverbs. In Maths we have moved on from Shape to Money and are learning how to count pounds and pence and also work out the total of different amounts of coins. Our PSHE sessions have linked to our Maths as we have been discussing the difference between what we 'want' and what we 'need' and how we can be sensible spending money and saving it too. In Computing we have begun using the class laptops to create our own Power Point presentations about a chosen dinosaur. We have enjoyed independently copying and pasting information which we have safely searched for.

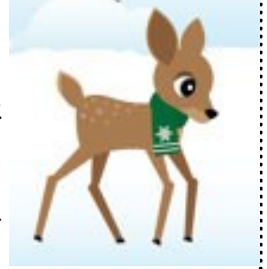




Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

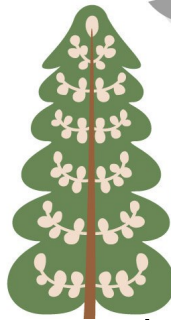
It has been another jam packed week in Year 3! Our Exhilarating Egyptians topic is in full force and we have spent the week researching all about pyramids using books, Ipads and QR codes. We placed them on a timeline and presented our chosen facts on 3D models. Later in the week, we looked at the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt using secondary sources. See if your child can remember any of their names. We've also started our new Music topic, learning about Reggae music and exploring Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'. The children worked very hard, learning to sing the verse and play an instrument for the chorus by reading crotchet and crotchet rests. In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of multiplication and division by looking at the link between the 2 and 4 times table, while also using a appropriate mathematical language when reasoning about multiplying and dividing by 4. As if that wasn't all enough, we've also been learning how to use dialogue in our writing, using speech marks and adverbs, while considering alternative synonyms for 'said'. Great learning Year 3!



Year 4

This week got off to a great start with our Monday swimming session. The children absolutely love it and it is a joy to see them making the most of their time in the pool. In Maths, the children used their times tables knowledge to multiply 2 and 3 digits by 1 digit.

In English, we started our 'Myths and Legends' unit by exploring the features of myths and getting to grips with the story of Pandora's Box. In Science, we learnt about the 5 steps of the water cycle before starting our Ancient Greek learning. On Wednesday, the children went on a hunt around the school to put together a timeline of the events that they had already learnt about in their time at Pirbright. From this, they were then able to place the Ancient Greeks. On Thursday and Friday, we plotted Ancient Greece and the city states on a map.



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

Well, who saw that coming? It's been quite a week for Year 6, as it has been for the rest of the school community. Predictably, the children were just as eager as the staff were to show off the magic that goes on within our school every day.

They showed the very best of themselves, working hard, seeking out new challenges and showing impeccable Pirbright Values throughout the inspection. We were very proud of them. Our main theme for this term will be 'Celebrating Me!' and we have started by looking at biographies and autobiographies in English: identifying the characteristic features of the genre and also having a go at writing an autobiographical account of a memorable moment from our lives. We also used a fictional character, Ellie Fredricksen from the film Up, as the inspiration for writing third-person biographies. This idea has been carried into our Art lessons too, where the children have been learning how to draw portraits, including some slightly surreal blended portraits, mixing four quadrants, each of a different classmate!

