



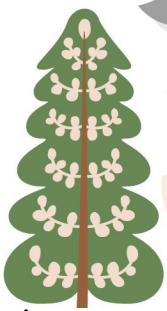
Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 13th 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

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Reception have been exploring the season of Winter using the book 'One Snowy Night'. We enjoyed listening to this story and discussed the characters and story setting. We also looked at Percy the Park Keepers clothing choices and discussed the clothing choices we make now that it is Winter compared to Autumn. During our choosing time, we have been using our creative skills to make wonderful Winter tree pictures; thinking carefully about the features of them and how they look different to Autumn trees. In maths we have enjoyed learning about 2D shapes squares and rectangles, comparing and sorting them and using the language 'corners' and 'sides' to describe their properties. We had lots of fun shape hunting in our indoor and outdoor environments to find different examples of rectangles and squares! In PE, we have been practising our jumping and landing skills, thinking carefully about bending our knees to land safely.

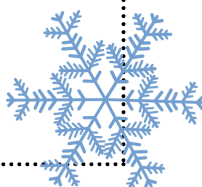


Year 1 Happy New Year! Year One have had a brilliant first week back after Christmas, full of super choices and all following our Class Expectations. In English, we have focused on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' where we have sequenced the story, written setting descriptions and even re-written our own version! In maths, we have started learning about numbers to 20 and discussed patterns between numbers to 10 and numbers to 20. We have also learnt about Tens and Ones with numbers to 20. In Geography, we have begun learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities, as we begin our new topic 'Far, Far Away!'. We started by looking at Google Maps on the Year One building and zooming out further and further until we could see the whole of the UK. It was very interesting! In Computing, we used laptops to research the names of the four flags for each country in the UK and practised our typing and keyboard skills. In RE, we have recapped The Bible and have started learning about Parables. In PSHE, we learnt about road safety before our walk to see Henry Morten Stanley's grave in Pirbright and to end the week, we learnt about the Oceans and Continents!



Year 2

What a brilliant first week back we have had! As soon as we returned to school, we became detectives due to suspicious dinosaur-looking footprints being found on the KS2 playground. After we researched different dinosaurs, using laptops and books, we immediately wrote letters to Mr Dutton to let him know which type we thought it was and why we think they visited Pirbright. We then learnt about the different dinosaur periods and plotted them onto a time line. After this, we became palaeontologists, digging for bones and creating skeleton artwork. In English we have begun reading 'The Secret Dinosaur' and started planning our own set of instructions to help the museum know how to clean their dusty dinoteks. In Maths we have enjoyed finishing our shape unit by creating 3D shapes and counting their faces, edges and vertices.



Year 3

Never mind New Year fireworks, Year 3 have returned with a bang! Our new topic saw us crawling through tunnels with torches to discover Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We've since been contacted by an archaeologist who needs some help in setting up a museum (which we will be sure to invite you to!) so we have our work cut out this term in brushing up on our Egyptian knowledge and producing artefacts to fill the museum. We've already started this week by finding out when the Ancient Egyptian period was. We looked at chronological order and BC and AD using a timeline. We have also used our



Geographical knowledge to understand where in the world Egypt is, it's surrounding countries and seas, and key geographical features of the country itself. In English, we have continued reading the book 'Stig of the Dump'; writing letters to Stig, looking closely at speech and adverbial phrases. Our Maths work this term begins with our first multiplication and division unit focusing on sharing into equal groups, grouping for division and the differences between these two, and showing this using bar models, repeated addition and multiplication and

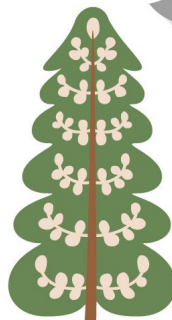
division sentences. Phew!



Year 4

What a busy start back to school we've had! We've spent the first week completing a few outstanding activities in English from the end of the autumn term with a focus on fantasy writing based around the short story 'The Impossibly Possible Bookshop'. The children made comparisons with the Enid Blyton stories from December and applied their skills to a variety of writing tasks. In maths, we have moved onto multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 before we progress onto multiplying 1 digit by three digit numbers using formal methods.

The children have been learning to use some key scientific vocabulary: evaporation, condensation and precipitation. They can also explain the difference between reversible and irreversible changes. We've completed our unit on 'keeping safe' in PSHE and have started looking into the importance of prayer and worship for Christians in our RE lessons. We get back to swimming in PE next week!



Year 5

It has been a great first week back for Year 5 as we kick started our new topic 'Diversity'. It has been really wonderful getting stuck into some really mature conversations around this theme and looking at ways we can celebrate our similarities and differences. As a visual stimulus, to get us thinking about diversity, we have watched the short clip 'For the Birds' and used it as inspiration for some comic strip writing, PSHE and dialogue construction. To develop our skills when working scientifically, we began a project thinking about ways in which we are all different in class and collected and presented data. In French, we began learning some new vocabulary around hobbies and used actions to help us retell a short extract. In Maths, we have been continuing with our fraction work, ensuring that we are super confident finding equivalent fractions and adding or subtracting.



Year 6

Welcome back to everybody, and a Happy New Year! We have been delighted to see that Year 6 have returned to school with renewed energy and have really hit the ground running for what will be a very busy term. In Maths, we have been busy wrapping up the end of the fractions topic that we began before Christmas before moving onto decimals and percentages over the next few weeks. This week, the children have been tackling the tricky task of multiplying and dividing fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have completed a variety of activities linked to at the famous William Blake poem: The Tyger. After learning and performing the poem, and discussing its meaning, the children planned and wrote their own poem in this style, but focused on an animal of their choice! Our first Science topic of the term is 'Light' and the children spent Monday afternoon using torches, mirrors and lenses to direct beams of light before constructing working periscopes!

