



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 11th November 2022

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

**This week we have had a reflective week learning about Remembrance and why it is so important to wear our poppies to remember to say 'thank you' and think about all the soldiers who have been and still are working so hard to keep our country and us safe. We have painted poppies in art and created a stunning scarlet poppy wreath. We listened to and learned about The Last Post in music and Mrs Peers explained that it was traditionally played on a brass instrument called a bugle. In maths we have begun a unit on shape and enjoyed learning about circles and triangles this week. We now know that circles have 1 curved side and no corners and triangles have 3 straight sides and 3 corners. We did find it tricky at first to recognise different types of triangles (e.g right angled triangles) however this triangle checklist is helping us to be more secure in our knowledge. Our Hey Duggee challenge this week has taken us into the outdoor environment where we have been tasked with creating triangles using natural resources. We have learnt to use the camera function on the Ipad to record our super maths learning outside and gain our challenge badge. We have been super stars in our new reading groups putting in lots of effort to answer questions and focus on the book. We are looking forward to sharing these at home too!**



## Year 1

This week has been a busy one down in Year One! We started learning about 'The Great Fire of London' which has us all very intrigued! We started by learning a bit about London and how it has changed since 1666. We discussed the key features of London that we know of and have seen that weren't there hundreds of years ago. We compared London to Pirbright and noticed some similarities too, like bridges and trees/parks! In English, we matched upper- and lower-case letters before seeing some pictures of The Great Fire of London and using our Super 6 of Curiosity to ask questions. We learnt about the events from that night and sequenced them. In maths, we learnt about fact families and number sentences and in PE, we started Dance where we used movement to express the different seasons. In PSHE, we learnt about people in the community who help us and in History, we learnt more about TGFoL and used the 5 W's (Who, What, When, Where, Why) to write about it. We also learnt about the process of bread making which is what would have happened in the bakery on Pudding Lane. We ended our week with the discussion about Remembrance Day and showed respect at Brookwood Cemetery.



**Year 2** It has been another great week here in Year 2! We boarded our flight around the world and landed in Australia for the last time! We spent our last week learning lots about Australian animals, starting with revising the five main animal groups and sorting them in different ways. Some of us decided to sort them into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. After this, we deepened our knowledge of a chosen Australian animal by creating wonderful fact files about them. We researched our animal's diet, appearance and habitat. In English we have spent the week learning more conjunctions and looking at the features of an advert. We then used this information to create our own persuasive leaflets to sell Mothball the Wombat! We included expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and even rhetorical questions! Our addition and subtraction journey has continued this week in Maths, by learning to add and subtract two -digit numbers and one-digit numbers using the column method and showing off our mathematical vocabulary by using words such as 'exchange'. We ended our week by learning about Remembrance and walking down to the cemetery with the rest of the school to show our respect. Well done Year 2!



## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have started a new book in guided reading. We started by looking at the front cover of *The Legend Of Spud Murphy* by Eoin Colfer. We honed in on our predicting skills, using the pictures to think about what is going to happen as well as other predicting type questions. In Science, we have devised an experiment to test rocks in order to find out why the people of the Stone Age chose different rocks for different purposes including building and hunting. In Maths, the children have been extending their skills in addition and subtraction by adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers from a 3 digit number. They have been thinking about how to use exchanging strategies and recording their working out in different ways to help them check their answers. We have also started our glockenspiel unit in music and have enjoyed learning how to play the notes E and D and match this to the formal notation. We all played along with a piece of music and are well on our way to a full orchestra! Towards the end of the week, we have been thinking about the significance of the Poppy and why it is important to remember and we took part in the school's remembrance service at Brookwood cemetery. Well done Year 3!



## Year 4

The highlight of our week was the trip to London to watch the stage adaptation of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. The children really enjoyed the evening and were brilliantly behaved throughout, representing the school superbly. We are working our way through *The Firework Maker's Daughter* in English sessions and following the adventure of Lila as she makes her way towards Mount Merapi and the Grotto of Razvani. In maths, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction. We have come to the end of our current art unit and the children have produced some detailed mountain scene paintings. We now look forward to DT and creating some moving books over the next few weeks. Today, we visited the military cemetery to pay our respects in our annual Remembrance service.



## Year 5

This week in year 5, we began with a fantastic trip to the Winchester Science Centre, to consolidate all our learning from our Space topic. We had an amazing time, visiting all the interactive exhibits, taking part in a workshop, and watching the planetarium show. The children made us really proud! During the rest of the week, we continued learning about Multiplication and Division, focusing on prime, square and cube numbers. Our topic continued across the rest of the curriculum: we read several chapters of *Harry Potter* and wrote some excellent descriptions of *Diagon Alley*, using various devices to make our writing more interesting, as well as advanced punctuation. In Science, we researched some of the types of creature that appear in *Harry Potter*—mammals, reptiles and birds—and wrote fact files about them. In French, we revisited all the vocabulary we have learnt about the High Street and played a game of translation noughts and crosses. Christmas began in R.E, with our first lesson on the symbolism of light at Christmas.



## Year 6

It has been a real mixed bag of a week in Year 6! Our main focus has been on completing a series of tests, as we continue to prepare the children for their SATS assessments in May. The primary purpose at this stage of the academic year, was just to de-mystify the process and show the children that they really have nothing to worry about and every reason to feel confident. Similar rounds of mock tests will take place after Christmas. More interestingly perhaps, the children have been adapting the WWII scones recipe that they followed during our creative day last week; changes were made according to personal preference and taste and included different shapes and sizes in addition to altering the standard proportions or even adding some (very) unusual extra ingredients! We enjoyed an afternoon outside playing netball this week too, focusing on footwork and passing. The children had a go at playing different matches to apply and put these skills into practice. The highlight of the week however, was the whole school's visit to Brookwood Cemetery on Friday morning for our annual Remembrance assembly. As ever, it was an intensely moving and reflective gathering, made all the more poignant by falling on Remembrance Day itself this year.

