



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 20th October 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

It has been another busy week in Reception! This week, we have been learning about how we have changed, from when we were babies to now. We read the story 'Once There Were Giants' and talked about the things that we could do when we were babies and what we have learnt to do now. Some of the children have sent in photographs of themselves as babies, which we have loved looking at and guessing who is who! In maths, we have started learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and how they can be represented in different ways. We have enjoyed meeting the Ten Town characters: King One, Tommy Two and Thelma Three, who have helped us with our counting and number formation. Our Understanding the World focus has been all about Autumn. We have enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn in our outdoor environment and collecting autumnal objects to create a fantastic large-scale collage. We have also been painting our own autumnal trees, thinking carefully about which colours to select. We were excited to attend our first whole school assembly on Thursday which was all about the Harvest Festival. What a wonderful and busy first half term the Reception children have had - enjoy the half term break!



Year 1

Year One have had a great week! In maths we have learnt how to draw and label a number line using a ruler. We have used and looked at number lines to discuss the missing numbers to 10. In English, we have continued reading The Little Red Hen and listened to sentences read out whilst re-writing them in our book. We had to do it by memory and then edited our sentences. We also learnt what the word 'predict' means and made predictions on what would happen next in the story before writing questions and learning how to use question marks. In RE, we have continued learning about Christian's belief in God and made a collage of the world whilst discussing that Christian's believe God created it. In Science, we had a fantastic time learning about rain through experimenting! We experimented how rain occurs in the clouds and wrote up our experiment and what we found out. Why not ask us what we had to do? In Art, we have looked at the seasons and made an autumn picture using autumnal items and in PE, we enjoyed gymnastics where we used our Super 6 skill of Collaboration and Perseverance! We hope everyone has a lovely half term!



Year 2

We've had a lovely time back in Australia this week, learning about landmarks and thinking about which ones we would like to visit! In our PE lesson we learnt about Aboriginal people and were able to retell some of their stories through dance. Please ask us to show you some movements at home! In English this week we used our Year 2 writing skills and wrote a diary entry in the role of Mothball the wombat. We made sure we included expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and interesting vocabulary! We've continued our addition and subtraction unit in Maths, recapping our knowledge of number bonds to 100 and adding and subtracting numbers using different methods. In Science we've continued learning about a variety of materials and their properties and enjoyed investigating whether you can bend, stretch, squash or twist them. We ended our week creating some beautiful pieces of aboriginal artwork. Well done for all our hard work Year 2, we hope you have a lovely half term!



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Year 3 It may be the last week of this half term, but there has been no stopping Year 3 and their fantastic learning! Our topic has been a great opportunity to surmise and challenge ideas about the reasons behind the building of Stone Henge, which has led us to consider the use of light and shadow around this historic structure. We have explored the science behind how shadows are made and even created some of our own shadows too! Have a chat with your child about how shadows are made and how these differ from silhouettes. We have then explored the structure of Stone Henge and used this as a basis for learning about different kinds of rocks and how they are formed. See if your child can remember the 3 main categories of rocks. They are tricky to recall quickly! In English we have moved on from our narrative and recount writing to consider how instructions can be a highly beneficial form of written communication. The children had fun making their very own woolly mammoths and then began to think about how they might structure their own set of instructions for making them. We have been working very hard on our French also this term and this week showed the children testing their un/une skills when identifying different animals. Finally, in Maths, we have been taking on the challenge of 'exchanging' across the ones and tens columns when adding. This is a tricky concept to grasp and the children have worked really hard to use concrete resources and show their working out using part-whole method, number lines and deans. What a great way to end the term everyone! Phew! Have a well-earned half term break everyone!



Year 4 This week we have been able to round up a few units across the curriculum. In English, the children wrote a newspaper report on Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary's summiting Mount Everest in 1953. They were fantastic; the children included the relevant information, made their headlines catchy and used fronted adverbials. In Maths, we finished rounding to the nearest 1000 and then completed the White Rose assessment so they could show off everything they have learnt in place value this term. In the afternoons, we have been busy practising lines and singing songs to prepare for the Harvest Assembly which was this afternoon. The children were excellent; a great show to finish what has been a great half term. Well done Year 4!



Year 5 We've had a lovely week in year 5 this week as we finish off our topic 'To infinity and beyond'. In English, we wrote stories about visiting Pandora, applying the SPaG we have been learning so far this year. We created presentations about one of the planets in our Solar System, and presented them to the class. In Computing we successfully made short animations using the app 'I can animate' - there were some very creative ideas! Our topic on addition and subtraction was completed in Maths; we have been learning how to solve some complicated problems. Finally, came the most exciting part of the week. Once we had completed the construction of our moon buggies, we raced them in the hall to see how effective our designs were. Success all round!



Year 6

It has been a busy week of cramming in as much exciting learning as possible before half term! After reading a chapter of 'Letters from the Lighthouse', the children put their acting skills to good use and performed their own versions with freeze frames to show the emotions of the characters throughout. Following on from this, the children wrote diary entries from one of the characters' perspectives, using fronted adverbials to add extra information. In Maths this week, we investigated what squared and cubed numbers are and the differences between them. We then moved on to solving multiplication and division calculations. In History, we read 'Martin and Erika's Journey', which tells the tale of two children who had to flee Germany during WWII because they were Jewish. We looked at the rules and laws that Jewish people had to live by in Germany in the build-up to WWII. Finally, we wrapped up our first outdoor PE topic of the year with both classes coming together for a highly competitive football tournament!

