



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 23rd September 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

Miss Durdle, Mrs Greer and Mrs Carpenter are so proud of how we have settled into school life at Pirbright. Throughout the week the children have continued to explore their learning environment, make new friends and sharing new experiences together. During choosing time the children have had fun taking turns using the trikes and scooters, used large construction to create fantastic vehicles, created a selection of playdough cakes and drawn wonderful pictures and secret messages. We met Mrs Peers for our first introduction to music and also had fun on the field with Ms. Jackson where we were fantastic at learning to play Duck, Duck, Goose, traffic lights and the hilarious Bean game. Finally, the children have listened carefully during our phonics sessions and have begun learning the letter sounds s, a, t and p. What a busy week!



Year 1

Year 1 had a brilliant 'theme week' where we focused on Greta Thunberg! We started the week with PE with Miss Jackson where we had a great time learning some new techniques in gymnastics! This was followed with maths where we used practical items such as cubes and counters to represent different numbers. Our first topic lesson consisted of learning some exciting facts about Greta and using our art skills and our Super 6 of Creativity to make a collage of the Earth! We thought about what colours land and sea are and what coloured paper we should use. We also decorated mini people and made them look like us! In English, we wrote some facts about Greta Thunberg and wrote acrostic poems using the letters of her name. We also used the conjunction 'because' in our neatest handwriting to write about her. In maths, we practised counting forwards and backwards and had a chilli challenge if we completed our work! In Reading this week, we have been reading our new phonics books and focused on decoding the sounds, adding expression to our voice and comprehension. At the end of the week, we thought about how we can help save the planet and made our own pledge, such as turning off lights or going a litter picking walk. We made mini placards like the ones Greta Thunberg holds up to raise awareness! We also drew portraits of Greta Thunberg and ended the week with House Captain Elections!



Year 2

Despite a 4-day week, Year 2 have jumped head first into Theme Week! We started off by introducing our great leader for the week... Martin Luther King Jr and really tried to understand why he was famous in the 1950s and 60s. We discovered facts about him, created a timeline of the important events in his life and linked his work to the more present Black Lives Matter movement by creating some fantastic pieces of art. In PE, we put our leadership skills to the test by working collaboratively to achieve our goals. We then learnt how to copy and paste images from a webpage onto a word document! In Art, we created some wonderful Martin Luther King portraits using contrasting colours and in PSHE wrote a recipe about how to make the perfect leader. We then turned our hands to poetry and created some excellent poems about equality and civil rights. Don't forget to pop into the office in a few weeks time to see our fabulous work on display!





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Year 3 Year 3 have certainly crammed a lot into this four day week! This week was a theme week and we focused on 'Our Great Leaders'. More specifically, Year 3 have been learning all about Emmeline Pankhurst and England's woman's football team, the Lionesses. We started the week by really understanding why The Lionesses winning Euro 22 was such a iconic moment within woman's history. We looked back at the work of Emmeline Pankhurst and her contributions towards achieving women's suffrage in Great Britain and created a timeline of events. We then used ipads to research key events in the Suffragettes movement and look at interviews from the players after the football events this year. We learnt all about the impact of winning such a huge competition on the legacy and sustainability of girls and women's sport. Our research told us that The Lionesses want to inspire young girls to ensure they have equal opportunities within sport and other areas. We then put all our research into a diary entry from the captain; Leah Williamson. Last but not least we created our own leadership inspired acrostic poems. Excitedly, our hard work will be displayed outside the office in the school entrance foyer for all to see in a couple week's time!



Year 4

For theme week this year, Year 4 focused on John Lennon as a great leader of peace. While we focused on how he rose to fame via the Beatles, we discussed the importance of his choice to protest peacefully. On Tuesday, we used his song lyrics to design an album cover as well as sort his life out chronologically. On Wednesday, we learnt about his early life and how John used song writing to express himself. From this, the children wrote either another verse to 'Imagine' or their own song about peace. On Thursday, we discussed what protesting was, peaceful protests that have occurred and John Lennon's and Yoko Ono's Bed-in. The children then wrote what their own peaceful protest would be, either a biography of John or a letter from a fan. Alongside all of this, the children created their own pop art of John, wrote an inspirational quote and learnt about other famous peaceful protestors.



Year 5

This week has been an extremely busy Theme Week, and in year 5, we have continued to follow a space theme, looking at the history of space exploration. Our learning has focused on the 'Hidden Figures' of NASA. We researched their lives and wrote biographies, looking in detail at these women's experiences and considering the impact that gender, and particularly race, had on their careers. In Art we continued our Rocket pictures inspired by Peter Thorpe. Using oil pastels, we learnt different techniques of applying and blending colours. We also sketched one of the four women we have been studying. Although we continued our Place Value topic in Maths, we also carried out a NASA investigation, where we calculated (using models) when three different planets would align, even though they each had a different pace of orbit.



Year 6

This week, we have stepped away from our regular curriculum to join the rest of the school in celebrating Great Leaders. Year 6 have been focusing on the inspiring example of Malala Yousafzai, who, in the face of violent resistance, championed the rights of girls to be educated in the same way as boys. Her campaign led to her becoming the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace at the age of just 17. At the start of the week, we read a book written by Malala 'The Magic Pencil', which used a combination of images, symbols and text to illustrate her hopes and dreams. The children took inspiration from this, where they decided what they wish to change in the world, if they had the use of a magic pencil too. Using this, the children created book covers in the same style. After researching about Malala, the children planned, wrote, edited and published biographies of her life. We also looked at some examples of effective campaign posters and used those features to design and create our own posters, promoting equal rights in education for girls and boys. On Friday, we were so impressed with the amount of children who have worked hard preparing speeches for the House Captain elections! They should be proud of the way in which they presented themselves to the younger children.

