



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 9th 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

**The Reception team have been busy on home visits this week but have loved welcoming the first two groups of children into the classrooms at the end of this week.**

**What an adventure they have all begun—welcome to Pirbright!**



**Year 1** Year One have been Super Stars for their first week back after the summer. They have all settled in wonderfully and we have had a fantastic week of getting to know each other, exploring the new indoor and outdoor space and learning lots of new things! On Monday, we had circle time where we played some 'Get to know you' games and listened to some stories all about worries and how to get rid of them! We had a great time doing our Treasure Hunt, searching for things around the classroom and outdoors and getting to know our new Year One space! In PSHE, we made Play-Doh faces and discussed what we look like as well as discuss our Class Expectations and the importance of sharing and looking after our belongings. In Art, we drew self-portraits and compared them with one another to see how we are all different. We also created unique Pablo Picasso faces! In English, we learnt about Curly Caterpillar Letters and Ladder Letters and used these letters to write a sentence. In maths, we investigated the question 'Are older children taller?' and 'Do taller children have bigger feet?'. Well done Year One, for a super start to the year. The Y1 team are all so proud of you!



**Year 2** What a wonderful start to Year 2 we have had! Despite the rain, we have managed to climb aboard our very own Pirbright Airways flight ready to spend the next term flying around the world. To start off our adventure, we made passports ready to be stamped and then worked collaboratively to create our very own balloon globes of the seven continents. First stop this week has been the UK, where we went on a fact hunt to find out information about the four countries of the UK, their capital cities and interesting information about each one. We then looked at a UK artist called Mr Doodle and used his images to create our own piece of doodle art as well as English folk dance in PE. Our English book this week has been 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We started our learning by making puppets to retell the story with our friends, sequencing the story in the correct order and then learning all about adjectives and nouns to write a setting description about the forest of the wild things. In maths, we have started exploring place value, reminding ourselves about two digit numbers and recognising tens and ones. Make sure you get lots this weekend ready for next week's adventure!





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**Year 3** Hello and welcome to year 3! The children have settled in really well already and are enjoying the challenges of being a little older and having a little more responsibility. Each class has discussed how we would like the year to work, focusing on the text 'Our Class is a Family' which enables them to consider how best to support each other to help them learn. We have started our term in full swing with our topic of 'Clubs and Cavemen', looking at the role of the archaeologist in discovering information about the past from primary and secondary sources and have even been archaeologists ourselves, digging for clues and then using QR codes to find more information about our artefacts. We have been looking at a text called 'Stone Age Boy' and from that have considered the role of adjective and expanded noun phrases in adding description for the reader. In Math we have been making two-digit numbers in a variety of ways with concrete resources, positioning them on a number line and partitioning them in. What a fantastic first week Year 3. We look forward to seeing you next week and having more fun!



## Year 4

What a great start Year 4 have had!

We jumped straight into our topic 'Adventure is Out There' by using a map to find images of famous explorers, build a trim trail out of lolly pop sticks, paper straws and cardboard as well as learn what a mountain range is and create a collage of a famous explorer! Phew! Alongside this fun, we plunged straight into Maths and English. In Maths, we consolidated our place value knowledge and got to grips with where the children are with their times tables knowledge, and in English, we started our book 'Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay' by Alexandra Stewart. At the beginning of the week, we learnt about the lives of the mountaineers to then write a short biography about one of their lives. We also managed to squeeze in PE, RE, PSHE and ICT! Well done Year 4. Mr Smith and I are so very excited for this year with you all.



## Year 5

We have really enjoyed welcoming Year 5 back in to school this week. They have begun to settle into their new routines and different classes. To kick off the year, we have launched our topic 'To Infinity and Beyond', beginning to learn all about the Solar System. In Art, we also began to find out about the artist Peter Thorpe; we looked at some of his rocket pictures and practised sketching in his style. In English, we've begun our space themed novel 'Cosmic' and written character descriptions and dialogue. The children have been building on their knowledge of place value in Maths this week, working on numbers up to 1 million. We've had an extremely busy first week, with an enthusiastic new year group. We're looking forward to the rest of the year!



## Year 6

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 6 back to school; they've all returned with so much enthusiasm and excitement! We started the week by beginning our WWII topic; the children came up with some great ideas for what they would like to learn about this term, and we began by using an atlas to locate and names different countries that were involved in WWII. To support our topic, we began reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse', which tells the story of Olive, who is living in London during the Blitz. This week, we started looking at ration food, and using our imagination to magically turn horrible food into a delicious feast! The children began using different descriptive devices (MAPOS) to describe the food. The highlight of the week was definitely our trip to Horseshoe Lake on Friday! The children got stuck into all of the activities (kayaking, paddle boarding, raft building and dragon boat racing). What an excellent opportunity to get to know each other and kick off Year 6!

