



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 1st July 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

Show time is nearly upon us and we are very excited to have been cast in our roles this week for our upcoming performance of 'The Jolly Postman'! We have begun to learn the songs and actions and enjoyed getting into the hall and up on stage practising our movements and stage directions. Back in class, Handa's Surprise has been our focus story. We have loved looking at the colourful pictures and spotting the different animals taking the fruit from Handa's basket! Feeling inspired by the beautiful illustrations, many of us have created our own animal pictures by completing the other half of a picture. We looked carefully at the details and tried to imitate the colours, shapes and lines. We also enjoyed trying a variety of fruit and using our senses to talk about how it looked, felt, smelled and most importantly tasted! In maths, we have been learning about grouping and sharing and using the vocabulary 'equal' and 'fair'. We enjoyed helping daddy bear and baby bear share the food at their picnic, thinking about how we could make it fair and give them each an equal amount.



Year 1

Great work Year One for another fantastic week of learning! We are definitely ready for Year Two! We started the week with our Reading Practice Session and arithmetic in maths where we worked independently to show off our maths skills. In PSHE, we discussed happy and unhappy relationships and used different colours to identify which relationships are happy and which ones aren't. In RE this week, we have learnt about The Torah and had a go at making our own! We learnt about the Ten Commandments within Judaism and then discussed and wrote down in our own scroll what 10 rules are most important to us. In English we started our new book called 'Man on the Moon' where we started by writing questions having just seen one image, followed by creating a character profile and making a storyboard of the characters day. In maths, we also completed some reasoning questions independently and learnt about one more and one less than a given number. In Topic, we learnt about heating and cooling by conducting an experiment and on Wednesday, we enjoyed the afternoon with another tennis session. We also practised for our Summer Show throughout the week which we are all looking forward to in a few weeks' time! Our teachers are very proud of all our hard work and achievements throughout the year and, just like us, can't believe the year is almost over!



Year 2

This week we have continued our learning about mass, reading a wide range of scales and intervals and measuring objects in both grams and kilograms. In English, we've continued looking at the Postcards from our book 'At the Beach' and focused more on our SPAG skills to show off in our writing. We recapped suffixes, plurals and our VIPERS skills. Our theme this half term in PSHE has been 'keeping safe' and we have ended this unit by discussing how rules and age restrictions keep us safe. Our excitement for next week's beach trip has continued to grow, especially after learning so much more about the Victorian seaside. We spotted the differences between the past and today and learnt about the different entertainment provided at the beach during the Victorian era. We also learnt about how souvenirs have changed over time and created our own seaside themed crockery. As well as this we made posters to advertise why people should visit the beach in Victorian times. We are also enjoying learning the summer show 'Rock Pool' and can't wait to perform it!





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Year 3

Year 3 have certainly been busy this week! We have enjoyed carrying on practising our songs for Shows Week! We can't wait to show you our beautiful singing. In English, we have been working on our Fact Files unit—in which we are focusing on David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg. We created open and closed questions and used our computing skills to research these famous environmentalists to help us plan our fact files. In Maths, we have finished our Mass and Capacity unit by exploring capacity and volume of different containers and answering some tricky worded problems using the RUCSAC method to help us. We put our Science hats on this week to conclude our plant investigation into 'What do plants need to survive?', we created scientific sketches and wrote our DEAL conclusions. 3DD and 3EP's results were VERY different, we discussed the nuisance variables that each plant faced and whether we had a fair test or not. We have continued to read our Guided Reading book 'James and the Giant Peach' and enjoyed creating different voices for Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker!



Year 4

We've started work on 'Time' in maths this week. This can be a tricky concept to master, especially when we consider conversions between digital and analogue and venture into timetables and solving time word problems. As we are heading into July and the end of the school year is edging towards us, the children have completed a couple of assessments in the core subjects to support our understanding of strengths and areas for further support or development. We've been really pleased with the children's excellent efforts. The school is currently alive with the buzz of Matilda songs and we are taking regular opportunities to practise our songs in class. The children have been super creative this week, constructing their own models of Roman aqueducts and learning all about the role of gladiators in Roman society. They've enjoyed applying their knowledge to create gladiator board games. We also learnt all about Roman baths. Did you know that it was the Celts who actually introduced Romans to soap?



Year 5

It has been another busy week in Year 5 with plenty of song practice for our summer show. The children are so enthusiastic when singing our tracks and are making great progress! In Maths this week, we finished our Geometry unit, recapping on angles and shapes before moving onto a new unit on position and direction. All of the children showed such a good understanding of coordinates and enjoyed working through their chilli challenges. Our work on The Highwayman also continued as we finally read the entire poem and learnt of the tragic ending. We gathered evidence from the text about one of the characters, generated different sentence types using DADWAVERS and then used this information to write a witness statement in 1st person. In Art, we used our sketches of Viking figureheads over the past couple of weeks to turn them from 2D to 3D models using plasticine—they were brilliant!



Year 6

This week was back to reality after a wonderful week away in Somerset! Although we were all sad the trip was over, it felt good to get back to school and get stuck into some learning. On Monday, we began looking at how different cushions are made, and the children created their own mood boards, based on their rainforest design brief; we are very excited to get making them soon! Our South America topic continues: after researching the human and physical features of Brazil, the children focused on what life would be like in Manaus, the town featured in 'The Explorer', and compared life there to life in Pirbright. Focusing on their sketching skills, the children were given half of a photo of rainforest animals, and were challenged to see if they could accurately and symmetrically sketch the other half. The highlight of the week was Sports Day! The children demonstrated all of their Pirbright Values, and were excellent role models during the KS1 races; the sun shine made it even better!

