



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 24th June 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

*Eight-legged creatures inspired our learning in Reception this week, so we have been discovering all about arachnids, as we were fascinated by the tarantula who visited us with Zoolab. We have learnt lots of spider facts including they have between 6 to 8 eyes and 6 joints on each leg so that's 48 knees, which blew our minds! We have read the book 'Spider Sandwiches' and had so much fun inventing disgusting creepy-crawly inspired sandwich fillings for the monster in the story. We have also discovered several spiders crawling around in our pizza role play area and even in the teacher's hair which caused much hilarity! Our maths learning has moved onto learning all about 'doubling' meaning 2 lots of the same amount, which has been a brilliant challenge all the children have really enjoyed. We have been so impressed by so many children being a Persevering Panda to solve these challenges independently and find the doubles. We also now know several doubling facts (1-5) by heart which is superb! The children were all fantastic Collaborative Camels on Thursday, participating whole-heartedly in their first Pirbright Sports day. We are all super proud of each one of them. What super stars!*



**Year 1** Year One started the week with music! We continued learning how to play the recorder and in PSHE, we learnt about who to go to for help and advice. In English, we learnt about Acrostic Poems and even had a go at writing our own using the letters of our name to describe how we are different to one another. Later on in the week, we did some planet descriptions using a range of adjectives and created our own alien! In PE, we continued developing our skills and practised for Sports Day! On Tuesday, we had our first Reading Practice Session and had an exciting morning for our Class Changeover where we met our new teacher, which was very exciting! In RE this week, we have carried on with Judaism and learnt about The Torah, what it is and then made our own. This week we have focused on DT and we had a fantastic time learning about mechanisms, planning our own moving picture, making it and then evaluating it! We were so impressed with our finished products! On Wednesday, we had our second tennis lesson where we are already becoming pros! In maths we have learnt how to order numbers to 100 and worked out one more and one less than a given number to 100. On Thursday afternoon, we showed wonderful team work for Sports Day and had a great time cheering on our friends and showing our Super 6 skill of Collaboration and Perseverance! On Friday, we finished 'The Smeds and The Smoos' and sequenced the story after discussing what we enjoyed most. We finished the week with meeting our new teacher one more time which has made us very excited for Year 2!



**Year 2** With the sun shining and our upcoming trip to Littlehampton, we have begun to link our learning to the outdoors. In English, we started a new book called 'At the Beach' written by Roland Harvey. We read postcards from the book and visualised what the beach might look like. As well as this, we used commas in a list to write a list of things that the characters in the book might have taken on their beach trip. On Monday we looked at the art work of Victorian artist William Morris. We roamed the school grounds to create designs inspired by nature, just like William Morris. Later in the week, we then used polyboard to create our own nature inspired art and used a block printing technique to make our own wallpaper. At the beginning of the week, we finished our 'Time' unit, by solving durations between different times. For the rest of the week, we compared mass using simple scales. We ended the week with a fabulous sports day, a family lunch and a wonderful class assembly from 2SC. We are very proud of you, well done everybody!





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**Year 3** Wow! What an exciting week we have had! Thank you to everyone who came to cheer on the children and their teams for Sports Day and those who attended family lunch. It was a lovely time had by all and Year 3 had great team spirit, as always. The children are getting more excited about our up and coming show 'Matilda' and they have been working with Year 4 to learn and perform the song 'Bruce'. Apologies for all the excessive singing at home if you have fallen victim to it already! In Maths, we began mass and capacity, which is always great fun (especially when water is involved). Perhaps you could challenge your child at home to consider the differences between the weight of an object and the volume of a container? They could even help you in the kitchen to prep a meal using measuring equipment you have around, or just get wet outside on a nice, hot day, exploring the capacity of different containers around your home. In English, we have been inspired by our 'Engaging Environments' topic to explore some key public figures in the push to make more environmentally friendly choices. We have been researching them to children what they found out!



## Year 4

Before we talk about this week, we would just like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Roman Exhibition. The children worked so very hard to make it enjoyable for you all and it was very clear everyone had a great time. This week has been a busy one! Monday was relatively quiet, and the children continued to develop their understanding of money by estimating and answering written questions as well as start their new book called 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. Tuesday was the day the madness started! The children were thrilled with the news of their new teachers and came back full of stories to tell. Thursday was of course Sports Day and family lunch. It was such a joy to see everyone participate and enjoy a 'normal' Sports Day full of fun and laughter! Friday was another chance for the children to get to know their new teacher. In between all of that, the year group enjoyed History every afternoon looking at Roman settlements, towns, houses, gods, as well as developing their coding skills on Scratch.



## Year 5

What a fantastic week we have had in year 5 this week! Beginning with our trip to the RSPB Pulborough Brooks, we enjoyed a day of bug hunting and pond dipping, focusing on our Science learning around Living Things and Their Habitats. The children were impeccably well-behaved, as was the weather. We were also very excited to find out our new class teachers, and experience two mornings in year 6—hard to believe it's that time already. The highlight of the week had to be sports day though; the enthusiasm and enjoyment shown by year 5 made us so proud—an excellent event, and so lovely to welcome parents back to watch. Even with all this excitement, we still managed to continue our Maths learning on the properties of shape. We began to find out about the Viking invasion of Britain, and continued our Viking figurehead artwork, whilst in English we continued reading The Highwayman and analysing the techniques that help develop mood and atmosphere in the poem. We also fitted in some rehearsals for our 'Matilda' songs. We have been busy!



## 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!

