



# Pirbright's Learning

Thursday 26th May 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 a 'royal week' in Reception as we have been learning all about the Queen and her platinum jubilee celebrations. We have read the hilarious story 'The Queen's Knickers' which inspired us to design The Queen a new pair of knickers for her Platinum Jubilee celebrations which are 'fit for a queen'! As The Queen is a significant historical figure, we have used this opportunity to learn about her history and how she has changed in her life by creating a pictorial timeline showing how she has changed from a baby to an adult tracking all the historical milestones of her life. We have focused on the decade 2010-2020 in Year R and looked at significant historical events both in the Royal Family and the wider world. We were excited to discover the 2012 Olympics were held in our country too. In Art, we looked at The Queen on a stamp and the photography that inspired this. We created digital media collages of Queen Elizabeth using a vibrant colourful combination of multi-media materials. We are so impressed with the children's lovely learning this week! Happy half-term- we are excited to see you on the first day back in fancy dress for our Pirate & Mermaid themed day!*



## Year 1

Happy Thursday! Year 1 have had a brilliant week. We started with English where we have continued (and finished!) our book called 'Journey'. We wrote a setting description based on one of the pages and because this story has no words, we can be as creative as we like! We are becoming superstars with making sure we always have our capitals, finger spaces and full stops! We also wrote a character description and used our Super 6 skill of curiosity to come up with some amazing adjectives on what we think those characters are like! In maths we have been learning about quarters which moves on from our learning last week on halves! We started by halving shapes and objects and learnt that quarters mean four parts. We then took on a trickier challenge and halved amounts using our method of sharing. In History we wrote about last week's Explorer Day and thought carefully about our writing checklist. On Tuesday, we had a fun afternoon watching Matilda in the hall with the whole school! On Wednesday, we had PSHE where we learnt about 'belonging' and discussed where we belong in the world. We then finished our 'Journey' book and wrote about what our favourite and least favourite part of the story was. In RE, we continued with Shabbat and discussed key symbols and their names. We hope you all have a lovely half term; one half term left in Year One!



## Year 2

We have had another royally good week in Year 2! After completing all our special booklets, we spent Thursday having a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Year 2's decade to learn about was the 90s so we began by creating a piece of art in the style of a 90s artist called Romerro Britto. We then became news reporters and wrote an article for 'Pirbright News' to share the information of the fire at out Castle in 1992. For our final piece of writing in English, we became Queen Victoria and performed their wonderful speeches thanking Albert for making a bathing machine and explaining to the people of England how to use one. In Maths we continued our 'Time' unit by refreshing ourselves with o'clock, half past and quarter to and past. Please do look over the time packs we sent home. Thank you for working so hard, we are so proud of you all and we hope you have a fantastic half term.



## Year 3

What a week! This week was Robot Week in Year 3. We started the week by understanding magnets and exploring what objects around the classroom were magnetic and learnt that all magnetic objects contain metal. We then designed our own robots, that could separate magnetic and non-magnetic objects, using the recycling we had brought in from home. With our DT hats on we then created and evaluated our recycled robots. In English, we created a set of instruction about how to build a robot using the key features of instructions writing to include imperative verbs and technical vocabulary. We had a marvellous Jubilee celebration, exploring the 1960s with groups looking at different aspects of the 60s including: Pop-Art stamps; Power Points about music and artists of the decade; a science experiment to make lava lamps; and a collage of the funky 60s fashion. We then performed a medley of famous hit including 'Downtown' by Petula Clark and 'Help!' by The Beatles.



## Year 4

This week has been all about Italian food! After designing their meals last week, the children got together in small groups in the Kitchen or DT suite to make either bread, pizza or pasta. It was a joy to see their faces when they found out they had double lunch! Alongside this fun, the children finished their shape unit, completed some work on Romeo and Juliet as well as begin to learn who the Romans were and why they invaded Britain. They also enjoyed their last tennis lesson and of course enjoyed a day full of fun with the whole school to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. It was such a great way to finish this half term. One more half term to go but lots of fun still to be had! Have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing the children ready for Ufton Court!



## Year 5

What a great end to the first of the summer terms, with plenty of Jubilee celebrations. We fully embraced our decade and enjoyed performing our song, creating portraits of Queen Elizabeth in the style of Banksy and learning more about the music and events from this period. Our afternoon of picnics and lawn games was such fun and a brilliant way to end the day before half term. Earlier in the week, we finished our work on Beowulf and enjoyed writing biographies as well as watching the TV version and seeing the story come to life with comparisons to the book. We also concluded our unit on decimals and applied our understanding in our end of block assessment which we were confident with. We look forward to more work on the Vikings when we return after a restful break for our final term in Year 5 - Where has the time gone?!



## Year 6

It has been a short but very busy week in school, especially in Year 6. In English, we have continued reading our new core text, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. This week, the children have used it as the inspiration for some very descriptive writing using different sentence structures and a range of figurative language, particularly personification. On Thursday, Year 6 joined the rest of the school in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; we loved seeing how differently the children interpreted the concept of a royal dress-up day! During the day, we got stuck in to a range of creative activities including some 1980s-style royal portraits and our contribution to the Jubilee concert: an eighties-tastic rendition of The Cure's 'Lovecats'! Of course, the singing and dancing was not limited to the Jubilee concert: the day began with GECs fabulous class assembly, re-telling the key events of the Queen's 70-year reign in just half an hour - and in their own unique style too! Well done GEC, we absolutely loved it!

