



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 13th 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 Reception were overjoyed to have a four-legged visitor this week. To support our learning about how to care for animals, in particular pets, Mrs Lynch brought her pet dog Coco in to visit us. We demonstrated our best listening skills to find out all the ways to be a responsible pet owner. It has been really valuable to focus on how to care for animals in our environment as we are privileged to share our school grounds and boundaries with many different types of creatures. Our focus text 'Dear Zoo' has brought lots of joy to our year group as we have enjoyed imagining we have extraordinary pets! In Maths we have enjoyed playing lots of games where the objective was to explore the composition of numbers to 20 to develop our fluency and understanding. We have used tens frames, Numicon and loose parts. In our P.E lesson with Ms Jackson, we continued to practise our sprinting and have learnt to use quoits to compete against our peers in obstacle courses and races. We are really looking forward to putting our new found skills to use in Sports day! Another super fun-filled week of learning! Well done.



Year 1

Year 1 are continuing to be Super Star learners this week with more fantastic learning happening. On Monday we began our week with PE on the field and our first Reading Practise Session. In science, we conducted another experiment and this week, we wanted to find out which material was best for a travelling vehicle. We used ramps made from different materials to see which one allowed the toy car to travel the furthest. Why not ask us which materials were the best and the worst?

In English, we studied the front cover of our new book called 'Journey' and made a prediction on what the story will be about. We then used the prefix -un to create a description about the illustration. In maths, we practised arrays and doubling numbers and had fun playing a dice doubling game to help our understanding. In History, we learnt about the explorers Ibn Battuta and Henry Morton Stanley and found out some interesting facts. Why not ask us where Henry Morton Stanley is buried?

In Art, we painted a lovely picture with links to our 'Journey' book on what would be the other side of our magic door, using watercolours. In ICT, we continued with our technology skills and in PSHE we learnt about healthy teeth and what we can do to ensure we look after ours. What a busy week!



Year 2



We have had great fun continuing our Victorian topic learning this week, looking at the artist L.S. Lowry's work. We jumped inside two of his paintings and used our senses to think about what we could see, feel, taste, smell and hear around us. We then looked at how L.S Lowry drew and painted people and buildings and had a go at copying his style. After this, we used pastels to carefully create our own Victorian townscapes.

On Friday we went back in time and became Victorian children. We learnt about the differences that rich and poor children experienced by role playing with our friends. We wrote a diary entry explaining how hard our day was in the workhouse and the jobs we had to do. We were very shocked to hear how different their lives were to ours today! In English we have been practising our comprehension and SPaG skills, looking into apostrophes for contractions and possession and different suffixes such as -ly. Well done for working so hard Year 2!



Year 3

It's been yet another jam packed week in Year 3. 3EP had a wonderful class assembly with excellent acting, singing and signing! We have some budding actors among us! In Maths, we have continued with our unit on Fractions focusing on finding the fraction of an amount and equivalent fractions. In English, we have started our new unit on persuasive writing focusing on the book 'Window'. It links to our Engaging Environment topic and focuses on the changing environment that can be seen out of the main character's window! We used our creativity skills to describe what we could see outside focusing on expanded noun phrases and similes. We also drew on our VIPERS skills to predict what the view outside would look like at the end of the book. In Topic, the children have had great fun looking at food chains and the differences between producers and the varying levels of consumers within them. We have been discussing what could happen if a food chain becomes 'interrupted' and the kinds of things that can have an impact on a food chain. Well done Year 3 on all your hard work this week!



Year 4

This With our topic in full swing this week we dived into the wonderful world of architecture in Italy comparing old and modern buildings such as the Collosum to the Emirates Stadium, and The Leaning Tower of Pisa to The Shard, using the concepts of firmness, commodity and delight. As well as this, the children used their sketching skills to draw the Collosum, learnt some Italian phrases, colours and body parts, and studied Italian culture. In English, the children threw themselves into Romeo and Juliet. During the week, they sequenced the story, learnt about the characters and performed a scene from the play. In Maths, they continued their learning of decimals: ordering, comparing and rounding. On Tuesday, we enjoyed the nice weather with a game of rounders, and on Wednesday, we got very soggy on the Tennis Courts. Oh, the British weather!



Year 5

This week in Year 5 we began a new text: Beowulf. The children briefly explored a different version of this Norse story back in Year 3 but this time we are looking at the Michael Morpurgo copy, which is definitely more challenging. We have been building on our understanding of the word choices an author makes, collecting information about characters and ended the week writing a CV as Beowulf based on a model. In Maths, we have been working with decimals. We have been adding, subtracting and making wholes.

In our whole class reading sessions, we continued with the story of Anglo-Saxon Boy and worked on our VIPERS. Computing has been a big focus for us this week as we have been creating presentations in small groups about the beliefs of the Anglo-Saxons. We explored the gods as well as conversion to Christianity. Towards the end of the week, we learnt more about how Britain was ruled during Saxon times and placed key events on a timeline.



Year 6

Year 6 have been truly amazing this week! They have approached the SATs week with such confidence and enthusiasm; they could not have worked harder if they tried! Although the SATs has consumed a large proportion of the week, we have still made time to let off some steam! On Monday afternoon, the whole year group enjoyed both cricket and rounders on the field in the fresh air! EEC have started to think about getting prepared for their class assembly, so there has been plenty of singing and dancing! To celebrate the end of the SATs week, on Friday, the children were set with the task of creating a 'Maths-based' game for the Money Circus, which will be happening next Friday. They had to organise all of the equipment, prizes and advertising. In addition to all of this excitement, lots of children spent time with Mr Dutton, Mrs Davies and Miss Durdle on Friday auditioning for the Summer Show! We are sure that the children will be feeling slightly tired and weary from this week, and are sure they will benefit from a very relaxing weekend!

