



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 6th 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 *Excitement is at fever pitch in Reception this week as our visiting tadpoles have arrived for a holiday! It has really brought to life our learning about the lifecycle of a frog and we are fascinated to watch them develop. It is so interesting to discover all the different stages of the frog life cycle and we are making careful observations of our temporary pets. We have loved visiting our school pond too and using our noticing skills. We also read the hilarious story of The Tadpole's Promise by Jeane Willis and were shocked by the ending, however our new found knowledge of life cycles enabled us to fully appreciate the twist in this tadpole's tale. In Maths we have been using 2 tens frames to explore how to make a 2 digit number (11-20) by noticing that it is one full tens frame and 4 more, for the number 14 for example. We have also continued to practise our subitising skills by recognising 7/8/9 on a tens frame by noticing how many spaces there are to help us to work out the amount, without having to count, e.g 2 spaces on the tens frame tells us there are 8 counters. What a busy week we have had!*



Year 1

We have had another great week down in Year One! In maths we have learnt about equal groups and completed some challenges about equal and unequal groups and then practised adding them.

In English we have learnt about Ernest Shackleton this week. We used the word 'because' when writing about why he was influential and used commas when writing what we would take if we went on an expedition to the South Pole. Why not ask us to tell you some interesting facts about him? I

In Geography we have learnt about The North Pole and The South Pole and made igloos with sugar cubes! In science we conducted an experiment to see which material would be the best insulator if we were to go to Antarctica using ice cubes and different materials! In ICT, we used our laptops to log on, wrote sentences on a document and saved them. In art we focused on the colour and texture of the ocean and had a go at colour mixing to produce a lovely piece of work on the Southern Ocean.



Year 2



We have had another wonderful week in Year 2! We started off our week by continuing our story of 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine' and writing postcards home to tell our friends and family of our astonishment when we spotted Queen Victoria swimming in the ocean.

In Maths we have been reading a range of questions and working out whether they are asking us to +, -, ÷ and x. We have also been looking at position and direction, using mathematical vocabulary like clockwise, anticlockwise, half and quarter turn to describe movement. In Topic we have been spotting the similarities and differences between Victorian homes and our homes. We were surprised to learn that many Victorian homes had outdoor toilets which were shared.

We are also having great fun learning new team games in our PE sessions, as well as different athletics skills including jumping, running and throwing. Well done Team Year 2!





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Year 3

What an exciting week! This week, in English, we have been writing our own legends based on the legend of Beowulf. We have used our Year 3 Writer's Wishlist to make our writing POP, using dialogue, fronted adverbials and some have even challenged themselves to include embedded clauses. These have really been quite gripping and, in places, rather gruesome! Well done Year 3 authors! We have continued our Fractions learning in Maths, plotting them on a number line, considering improper fractions and writing them in different ways. While 3EP have been preparing their exciting class assembly for next week, 3DD have rediscovered their love of the ukulele, recapping the chords C, G, A and F and listening to and appraising the song 'The Little Birds' by Bob Marley and the Wailers. Year 3 have also been thinking more about our topic on biodiversity and have learned about biomes and food chains and how humans can impact on these habitats and the plants and creatures living there.



Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have managed to squeeze in lots of learning even with another lovely Monday off. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed developing their cricket skills with Ms Jackson in the morning and then learning about classification through Carl Linnaeus in the afternoon. Throughout the rest of the week, the children started another unit based on decimals in Maths after finishing learning about statistics last week, and in English, the children finished their final learning on poetry for Year 4. They wrote some fantastic Haikus and poems with personification. They of course enjoyed their time at the tennis court on Wednesday, and like swimming, it has been great watching their progress and I cannot wait to see some of them turn into budding tennis players. The week ended with Geography: the features of Italy itself and Art: sketching of key monuments.



Year 5

We hope that you all had a great extra day for bank holiday! As always, it has been a busy week in Year 5, especially for 5DC with all of their assembly prep happening each day. They blew us away with a fabulous performance and certainly made Miss Casey very proud! In class, we have been continuing our learning about the Anglo-Saxon period, finding out so much about the way of life during this time. We did some Anglo-Saxon cooking using inspiration from old recipes, researched the archaeological find at Sutton Hoo and made inferences about artefacts. In English we used our practical cooking work to write recipes and Saxon menus. Our Maths learning has been decimals, percentages and fractions. We have been looking at the relationship between these and ensuring that we use our basic calculation skills to work out problems involving them all.



Year 6

There is no avoiding the fact that the Year 6 SATS are happening next week so, this week we have been making a final push to cram in as much practice and revision as we can. It is great to see how enthusiastically the children have responded to this challenge and how that is showing up in their confidence and overall readiness for next week. We are sure that there will be a few last-minute nerves on Sunday night (probably for the children as well!) but we are hugely proud of the effort that both classes have made throughout the year and look forward to sharing in their success when the results come back. Other than this preparation, the children have also been kept busy with other curriculum areas: starting our new South & Central America topic, learning how to describe features of their dream home in French and developing their athletic prowess in PE! We hope that you and your children have a lovely weekend, enjoy your family-time, get lots of sleep - and make sure that they eat their Weetabix on Monday morning!

