



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 29th April 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 *The classic and colourful tale of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' has inspired every aspect of our learning this week from our independent writing challenge, describing the delicious food he munched through, to our dance lesson in which we re-enacted each stage of the lifecycle of a butterfly. In Maths we have been learning about 3D shape and have really enjoyed discovering the cubes, cuboids, cylinders and spheres emerging from the magic bag! We have imprinted the solid shapes in dough to be able to describe the shape of the faces and used our noticing skills to determine which were the same and which are different. We have been inspired to explore and create repeating patterns using natural objects and used our fine motor skills to create repeating patterns in jewellery too. We have impressed all the adults by being Persevering Pandas (using our Super Six skills) and tried to stay positive and not give up when the tiny beads tumble all over the floor and we have to start from the beginning again. Our dexterity skills will be fantastic soon! In Art we have learnt to use watercolours to paint natural objects in our Wild Woodlands including some really interesting trees and stunning purple bluebells. In our Games lesson with Ms Jackson we began practising for our track and field events. We are so excited to be learning to run on a proper race track, trying to stay within the white lines and using all our energy to race towards the finish line!*



Year 1

What This has been a busy week down in Year One! We started the week with our first Practise Reading Session and whilst 1JL ran through their class assembly performance, 1GE did some OAA games outside for PE. In RE, we have begun learning about Judaism and we discussed Shabbat and what this celebration is. In Science we learnt about how to describe materials according to their properties. In English, we learnt about Amelia Earhart which we were all very excited about and found her very interesting. We used our knowledge to write some sentences about her and had to include words that contain the suffix -est. Why not ask us who she was? 1GE spent some time in the outdoor space planting pear trees which we will all take care of to help them grow. In History, we compared transport in different time periods and how aeroplanes have changed since when Earhart flew. We also learnt about The Wright Brothers and why they were significant. During our English lessons, we focused on punctuation and how to write a perfect sentence as well as using the word 'because' to say where we'd travel to if we were Amelia Earhart. In Science we did a flight investigation and in 1GE started their first coding lesson in ICT. We ended the week with 1JL's class assembly which we are very proud of!



Year 2

This week we began our summer topic of The Victorians! In History, we put our chronological knowledge to the test to discover when the Victorian Era was, learnt all about Queen Victoria and sorted images and statements into Venn diagrams to discuss the impact of the industrial revolution on the rich and poor.

In English, we have started reading 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine'. This is a rhyming book with a funny storyline about Prince Albert making Queen Victoria a bathing machine so she can fulfil her dream of going swimming. We reminded ourselves of the key features of instructions, improved the ones from the book and wrote our own set to teach Queen Victoria how to use the new invention. In Maths, we thoroughly enjoyed measuring objects with cm rulers and areas around the school with metre sticks/wheels. We now know all of our heights and the difference between the shortest and the tallest member of the class!



Year 3

What a jam packed week! Year 3 continued reading Beowulf and reached a cliff hanger about something stirring on the moors after Beowulf defeated the terrifying Grendel. Using our creativity skill, we predicted what would happen next and wrote our own ending to the legend. We then used our editor skills to edit our writing. In Maths, we have continued with our unit on fractions focusing on equivalent fractions, making a whole and tenths. The best bit of the week was our trip to Gilbert White's House! We had fun exploring the surrounding area through orienteering, learning about animal adaptations and all about plants. We are so proud of Year 3 for how well they represented Pirbright School. We used our Year 3 writing skills to write a recount about our Gilbert White trip. In Topic, we have continued with our Engaging Environments topic. We learnt all about biodiversity and what it meant as well as the key words biomes, vegetation belt and climate zone.



Year 4

This week has been jam packed! From Monday to Wednesday the children ventured down to the farm to learn about the range of animals that live there. They identified which group each animal belongs to and why. They then used this learning to create a poster or fact file to share that information. In English, the children build on their poetry knowledge from last term to explore the use of imagery, metaphors and alliterations. They even had a go at reading Shakespeare's 'Sonnet 18'. In Maths, the children built on their knowledge of charts and graphs. On Thursday, they learnt how to draw an accurate line graph. This will support the children next week when they come to look at climate data from the Alps. The highlight of the week was seeing so many of our children represent the school at a local school football meet. It was a delight to see how excited they were and an opportunity for them to shine.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy week this week. We spent Monday and Tuesday planning and writing our Anglo-Saxon non-chronological reports. To go in these, we produced timelines in our computing sessions, and researched suitable maps that we could use. We continued our topic, building Anglo-Saxon villages using 3D shape nets, and set them up in the way that they would have been built in the past. After that, we produced some excellent descriptive writing about the villages, using fantastic sentence structures, punctuation and vocabulary. Maths has continued with learning about decimals and percentages, understanding the links to fractions and converting between all three. We enjoyed our new topic of badminton in PE, as well as progressing with cricket. Finally, to wrap up the week, we created some beautiful Anglo-Saxon style illuminated letters.



Year 6

It's been a busy old week with the children completing some reading and maths tests alongside the usual curriculum work as part of our preparation for SATs week. This week, we have been revising 3D shapes and, in particular, how to calculate their surface area (using nets) and volume. In English, we have been learning the differences between informal and formal language by drafting witness statements about the events seen in the 'Titanium' music video. Following on from the gruesome blood-making activity in Science last week, we have been using our computer skills to desktop publish non-chronological reports about human blood, what it is made up of and its function in the body. We have also been making the most of the dry weather by having two different outdoor PE sessions this week: on Monday Ms Jackson introduced the children to some challenging outdoor adventurous activities (OAA), while on Tuesday both classes enjoyed some rounders games.

