



Pirbright's Learning Week

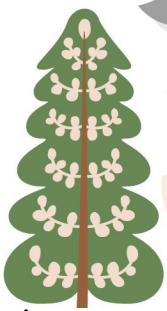
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Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception



It has certainly been a very busy week in Reception! A huge highlight of our week has been preparing and taking part in our first cross country run. We have all shown such great determination and perseverance, completing the laps of the field with beaming smiles upon our faces. Throughout the week we have been using our phonic knowledge learnt so far to read words and practise decoding trickier sentences. Our maths sessions have focused on the composition of 6 and 7, using dominoes to show the different combinations. After listening to the story of Digi Duck's Big Decision, we discussed how to be a kind friend and how important it is to stay safe when using the internet. On Wednesday we were excited to welcome our first mystery reader to Reception. Julia Douetil, our Chair Of Governors, shared a variety of very funny short stories and poems. Our Forest school sessions have come to an end for this term and we all celebrated by toasting our marshmallows around the fire. We have certainly deserved a treat after all our learning this half term!



Year 1 What a fun-filled week we have had in Year One! In maths this week we have been learning about length and height and made a line in the class from tallest to shortest. We then measured each other using our hands. As part of our topic for 'All Creatures Great and Small', we have been revising the 7 continents and learned about where different fruits are grown around the world and what these plants need to grow in different places.

In English, we have carried on with our book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and are really enjoying the story. We started writing letters to Andy Shepherd, who is the author, and decided to ask her some questions and tell her some information. Our teachers were so proud of us for using exclamation marks and questions marks as well as some fantastic adjectives in our letters. At the end of the week, we wrote up letters up neatly as these ones were our final version ready to be sent to the author! We then put them in an envelope, learnt where to write her address and where to place the stamp and then sent them in the post! We are so excited to receive a reply!

In Topic, we planted sunflower seeds and wrote down our prediction of what will happen. We worked with our partner and showed our Super 6 skill of collaboration to decide where is best to put the plant pot; where we thought it would grow the tallest! We discussed what plants need to grow and thrive. In ICT, we have learnt about Internet Safety and which adults we can trust to go to with any concerns. We continued with our Reading Practise Sessions and enjoyed our new phonics books this week and on Thursday, we had a brilliant time doing Cross Country! Have a lovely half term!

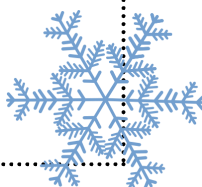


Year 2

What a week to end the first half of the term—we have certainly had lots of fun! Really excitingly, we consolidated our recent learning of animals by making shoebox habitats in our science/DT lessons. We had to really think about what a habitat has that helps the animals that live there to survive while also creating a sliding mechanism to allow one of our animals to move across the habitat. We're sure you'll agree the children have worked very hard and they look fab!

We finished our English book 'The Secret Dinosaur' this week and as it ended on a cliff-hanger, we just had to write a fitting ending! In maths, we've moved on from the four mathematical operations to look at statistics and different ways to collect and record data, including tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.

2SC were also incredibly lucky to have a mystery reader come in and read to us on Wednesday afternoon... it was very exciting! This week also saw a very energetic cross country and a fabulous animal patterns lesson in art! We hope you have a very relaxing half term Year 2!



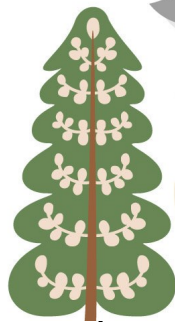
Year 3

What a week! Tuesday was Safer Internet Day so we created 'Gaming Guides' and reviews of our favourite games all whilst discussing how we can stay safe on the internet following SMART (Safe, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable and Tell). We finished and edited our narrative stories about the short-animated story 'The Egyptian Pyramids' using the Year 3 Writer's Wishlist. We then became poets and created our own rhyming and sensory poems inspired by the great outdoors! We used alliteration, onomatopoeia and adjectives to create some beautiful poetry. In Maths, we focused on our addition and subtraction skills by reviewing the different methods and practising the methods we felt least confident with. 3EP were focusing on playing different chords on the ukulele whilst 3DD were refining their computing skills by making PowerPoint slides about Ancient Egypt in preparation for our Pop-Up Museum.



Year 4

What a week to end on! It started with another swimming lesson which the children absolutely love. It has been such a joy to see them grow in confidence over the last few weeks. On Tuesday, we spent the morning discussing scenarios about how to stay safe online and on games, as well as remembering to consider the impacts of our actions for 'Safer Internet Day'. Throughout the week, the children wrote their own task for Heracles to complete. In Maths, they continued to use their times tables to multiply 2 or 3 digits by 1 using the column method. It was great to see so many faces during Cross Country on Thursday; thank you. On Thursday and Friday, the children explored a range of Ancient Greek artists as well as reoccurring Greek Gods and symbols. Of course, the highlight of the week was Greek Day. We had so much fun competing in the Olympics, eating Greek food, attempting Greek maths and building columns using paper straws.



Year 5

What a fabulous term we have had, which ended with a competitive and successful cross-country event! As the week drew to a close, we were all gutted to have reached the end of our topic and some of us may have had a slight tear in our eye as we read the final chapter of Kensuke's Kingdom (although it may have just been Miss Casey and Miss Bartholomew). We have thoroughly enjoyed 'Journey Around the World', learnt so much, been super creative and produced some truly amazing work.

In Maths, we ended our multiplication and division unit by brushing up on our bus stop method, with a focus on working with remainders.

We also completed some great cross curricular learning as we researched more about Japan in Geography, explored the life cycle of turtles in Science and produced our own versions of the work of Hokusai in Art. We hope everyone has a fun and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for our new topic 'In Your Imagination' for the 2nd half of spring!



Year 6

We cannot believe that the first half term of 2022 has come to an end – although it does feel as though we have achieved a lot in such a short space of time! This week, the children began by using the music video 'Lover of the Light' as a stimulus for writing. As the man in the video is blind, the children had the opportunity to experience what life must be like for him, and they discovered the importance of using all of their senses. This made for an excellent piece of descriptive writing! In Maths this week, the children have completed a whistle-stop tour through percentages: they have calculated percentages of amounts, as well as found equivalent fractions and decimals. We couldn't be prouder of the children's achievements on Thursday afternoon at Cross Country; not only did they show excellent sportsmanship, they also provided support and encouragement for the younger children. We concluded the week by creating some outstanding artwork based on 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gough. As our topic is 'Celebrating Me', the children put their own spin on the artwork, showing Starry Night over their special place.

