



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 4th February 2022

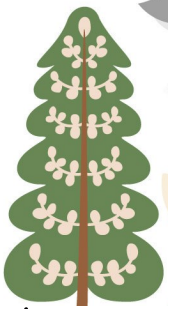
Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

Kung Hei Fat Choy! We have been learning all about Chinese New Year this week and how it is celebrated in different places around the world, as 1.2.22 began 'the year of the tiger'. Our role play area has transformed into a Chinese restaurant and we have been developing our fine motor skills learning how to use chopsticks, which are trickier than they first seem. We have been creating moving dragon puppets, lanterns and tiger masks and have been intrigued by Chinese letter symbols. We have also had the opportunity to use our chopsticks to taste different types of noodles! In Forest School this week, we learnt how to whittle wood safely using tools and gloves to carve and scrape the bark. Some of us chose to use our new skills to create our own forest friends! In Maths we have been practising forming our numbers 1-5 correctly using our Ten Town friends, we are getting really good at this too! We have also been utilising our newly acquired measuring skills to measure out the ingredients to make self-serve playdough independently in continuous provision. We are becoming really independent and our scientific and maths language skills are developing brilliantly. You are all superstars YR!



Year 1



Year 1 have had an exciting week! On Monday, we wrote descriptions of dragon fruits after reading more chapters of our book, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'. We then had our first Practise Reading Session of the week and were excited to read our new phonics book. We had lots of discussions on whether the books are fiction and non-fiction. After lunch, we continued with dance in PE and then had a lovely visit from Mrs Fuller who we were all super excited to see! She even read us a new book that she bought for our reading corner. On Tuesday, we completed some maths challenges before moving on to our next topic.

In English, we wrote down the pros and cons of having a dragon and used our Super 6 skill of Creativity by using our imaginations. In PSHE, we discussed healthy eating and which foods we should eat to stay healthy. We made a healthy lunch box and wrote about why we chose certain food for our lunch box. On Wednesday in maths we started Length and Height and in English, we drew around a child in the class and filled the body of Tomas (the boy from the book) with information on what we know about the character.

In Art, we have been learning about Monet and copying his paintings. We had a first attempt and then discussed what we could do better next time and tried again; we could see the improvements this time after evaluating our first piece! On Thursday, we had our first Practise Reading Session and something super exciting happened in 1JL...why not ask us what we saw today? We bet you won't believe us! On Friday, we wrote questions on what we wanted to find out in the book and ended our week by sharing our Home Learning!

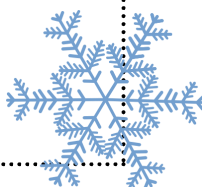
Year 2



It's certainly has been a very busy week here in Year 2! This week, we consolidated our knowledge of division by applying our skills to answer a range of word problems and end our unit. On Tuesday, in our computing lesson, we created the title page of our dinosaur PowerPoint presentations. We chose our dinosaurs, changed the design of our presentations and used a range of fonts to make our titles look eye catching. Very excitingly, we imagined we were Marlin and wrote a diary entry about how we were taken to the museum in the jaws of a T-Rex after the dinoteks came to life! This week, it was time to move on from the dinosaurs and turn our attention to animals. We looked at the 4 things animals, including humans need to survive, food chains and how habitats are suitable for animals to help them survive.



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Year 3

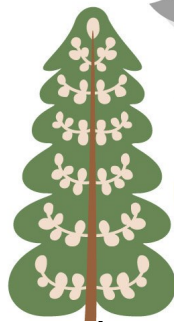
What another busy week! It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening in person and online. In English, we have continued our narrative writing, based on a short animated story 'The Egyptian Pyramids' about an archaeologist making the discovery of a lifetime. We have learnt about onomatopoeia and revisited subordinating conjunctions and fronted adverbials and how to effectively include them in our writing to create interesting and descriptive stories.

In Maths, we've finished our Multiplication and Division topic. We learned 'How Many Ways' and understood the importance of working systematically to find all the combinations. We have revisited and improved our confidence with worded problems using the RUCSAC method (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer, Check). In Topic, we have learnt all about the different Pharaohs from the first Pharaoh Narmer to the last Pharaoh Cleopatra, place them chronologically and research each one in turn.



Year 4

Well done Mr Smith's class for a fantastic class assembly last week, that had everyone it fits of giggles. 4DS you did yourselves proud. This week has been all about the Groovy Geeks. We started the week by learning the names of the armour worn by the soldiers (hoplites) to then make our own on Tuesday afternoon and re-enact some of the famous wars. We then moved onto the Greek Gods. The children made their own top trump cards to discuss the god's strengths, weaknesses and family members. On Friday afternoon, the children used Disney's Hercules to inspire their inner cartoonist! As well as all of this, in English, they worked in groups to retell up to five Greek Myths focusing on their sequencing and performance skills. Phew what a lot of work on Greeks!



Year 5 This week, year 5 have been using their Super 6 creativity skill to the max, across all of their learning. We have been writing continuations of Kensuke's Kingdom from a great cliff hanger, creating boats based on our learning about forces and water resistance, painting Japanese cherry blossom trees, and mapping our own digital islands using Digimap. Towards the end of the week, as we learnt more about Kensuke's life in our reading, we researched Japan's involvement in WWII and how it had an impact on this interesting character. We looked at a range of historical sources, including photographs, posters and newspaper articles, to make inferences and further our understanding.

In maths we have been trying to master long multiplication, which has been a real challenge but great perseverance has been shown by all! We couldn't end the week without mentioning all of the hard work from team 5LB in delivering such an amazing class assembly. They were fabulous and have definitely given 5DC food for thought for theirs!



Year 6

It was great to see so many of you during the parents' consultation meetings this week, whether it was in person or virtual! In English, we have continued to enjoy reading and writing about Louis Sachar's Wayside School: this week the children had a go at creating their own chapter for the book, emulating Sachar's style. At the end of the week, we started reading another book by Louis Sachar, Holes, which will continue to be the focus for our English work over the next few weeks. In Maths, the children have been learning how to multiply and divide decimal numbers and also how to convert between fractions and decimals. As part of our Spring topic 'Celebrating Me', we spent part of this week, learning about the history of our local area, including examining some old photographs of Woking and trying to identify the specific locations. We also used digital mapping technology to see how the town has grown over the years, particularly after the railway line was constructed.

