



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 21st January 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.

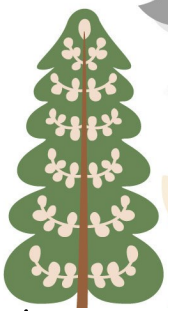
Reception

We have immersed ourselves in the natural world in YR this week, as we had our first visit to Forest School! We are so fortunate to have a designated Forest School area within our grounds and we loved visiting and exploring this for the very first time. First of all we learned how to stay safe at Forest School with our 'No pick, no lick' mantra and noticing any trip hazards. We sat on a log around the fire circle and learnt our safety fire rules ready to learn to make fire next time. Excitement was at fever pitch when we found the fairy house and read her miniature note. We then worked in pairs and completed the fairy's challenge to find her a comb, blanket and cup using natural resources. We loved exploring the natural signs of winter and were fascinated by the frost and ice shards which were slowly melting. We were grateful for our layers and are using the mantra, 'there's no such thing as bad weather just the wrong clothing'. Inspired by our class text 'Poles Apart' by Jeanne Willis we have been intrigued by the Polar Regions, located them on a globe and learnt about wild life living in these areas. We discovered that polar bears and penguins would not usually be neighbours! In Maths we have been splitting 5 in different ways and learning the total stays the same.



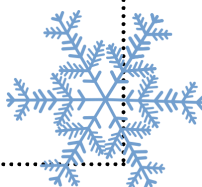
Year 1

Year 1 have had had an exciting week! We started our week with English and used adjectives to describe the vegetables in the book we are reading, called 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We had our first Reading Practise Session of the week and in RE, 1JL learnt what a parable is whilst 1GE learnt about the importance of listening to others and being kind. In maths we have been adding by making 10 which has made us think hard about our number bonds. English this week has involved us writing the days of the week, writing -ed words to describe how Oliver ate his vegetables and finally, writing a recount of the whole story! In topic, we learnt about what plants need to grow. We used our new knowledge to make our predictions when we planted cress on Wednesday! We had to predict what will happen to our cress seeds and put them where we thought would be best in the classroom. Why not ask us what we used to make our cress heads? On Thursday afternoon we did some ICT and PE with Miss Jackson. On Friday, we had another Reading Practise Session and our fluency was superb from all our practise we've done at home during the week. We ended our busy week with Science where we observed our cress and wrote down whether there were any changes. Our challenges this week in our Challenge Passport included writing a mini book on vegetables, matching fruit/vegetable pictures to their name, sketching vegetables and making vegetables out of Play-Doh.



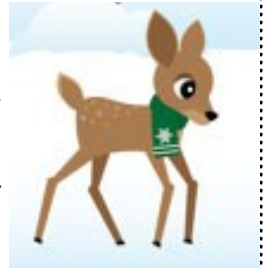
Year 2

This week we have continued learning about dinosaurs by talking about how they were first discovered. We have learnt about Mary Anning, sequenced the events in her life and really enjoyed making our own fossils with Year 6 on Tuesday afternoon. In English we are onto chapter five of 'The Secret Dinosaur' and we have been practising our use of conjunctions, contractions and noun phrases. We then used all of these skills to write about a dream that the main character Marlin had. In Maths we have moved on from multiplication to division and are learning how to share equally. In our PSHE sessions we have been learning about what a healthy lifestyle looks like and have begun this unit by thinking about sleep and why it is incredibly important. Computing we have continued to use our class laptops to create our own Power Points about dinosaurs. We have enjoyed independently copying and pasting information which we have safely searched for.



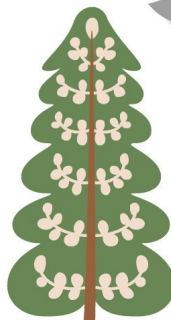
Year 3

Our Egyptologists have had a virtual visit to the British Museum, looked at different artefacts and discussed what they teach us about the ancient Egyptians and their interactions with other civilisations. The excellent writers of Year 3 have been writing their own quest stories inspired by the short animated story 'Whistleless', a bird who cannot whistle. We have had some very creative ideas from 'meow-less' cats to 'spike-less' hedgehogs to 'venom-less' snakes. In maths, we have focused on division and each day we have practised a new method for division. We have entered the world of remainders and used lollipop sticks to help visualise the groups and their remainders. In RE, we have continued our Judaism topic, tasting and learning the importance of the elements of a Seder plate to the story of Passover. We learnt about the terrifying 10 plagues that were sent onto Egypt, each one worse than the last and how the Jewish community celebrate their freedom from slavery.



Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for a fantastic Electricity week last week. They were all super engaged in the learning and completed high quality steady hand games. This week 4HJ have been all about the class assembly! In Maths, the children have continued to develop their times tables knowledge with the 6's and 9's. In English, the children have jumped into Myths and Legends, starting with Pandora's box. The lessons consisted of sequencing the story, understanding the characters, their emotions and actions. In the afternoons, 4HJ sung their hearts out and madly practised their lines, and 4DS have looked into the lives of Spartan children and Athenian children.



Year 5

What a busy week year 5 have had this week! Continuing our topic, we have been writing a character description of Michael, drawing on the information in the first few chapters of 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We have also used maps to plot his journey halfway around the world, finding out about some of the countries he has visited. The children have continued to investigate the world using Digimap, whilst learning about the symbols for different geographical features.

In Maths we have concluded our topic on Statistics, which will enable us to apply our knowledge of charts and graphs to our Science investigations in the next few weeks. PE has been fun, with the beginning of rugby and gymnastics - the children have been very enthusiastic, even in this cold weather!



Year 6

Having completed our Maths topic on fractions, we have now started a short unit all about position and direction, starting with coordinates; the ferociously competitive Battleships contests were quite something to witness! We have also continued to look at biographical writing, and this week we've focused on a fictional character: Ellie Fredricksen from the film Up. The children loved the opportunity to interview 'Ellie' as part of their research process. On Tuesday, we were delighted to team up with Y2 to help them use salt dough to create dinosaur fossils, an activity that helped to reinforce our own learning in this area. Throughout the week, several children have been being put through their Bikeability paces and their instructors were full of praise for their skill, effort and behaviour. Finally, Mr Fuller and Miss Collins had a quick trip to Somerset and back to check out the facilities for our residential trip in June.

The fun never stops in Year 6!

