



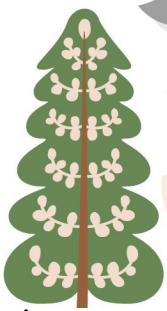
# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 17th 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

Reception have been exploring the season of Winter using the book 'One Snowy Night'. We enjoyed listening to this story and discussed the characters and story setting. We also looked at Percy the Park Keepers clothing choices and discussed the clothing choices we make now that it is winter compared to autumn. During our classroom discussions we have been identifying the signs of Winter and creating a large Winter banner that reminds us about the season. We have shown a real interest in ice and have been discovering icy patches outside on the colder school mornings. During our P.E sessions we began our gymnastics unit. Inspired by watching Max Whitlock, we practised travelling around and over benches, with a focus on jumping off and landing safely. Ask to see our Max Whitlock finish! Our Maths sessions have focused on using the language more, the same and fewer to compare amounts. We are definitely getting more confident to use the correct vocabulary when discussing who had more sweets, fewer bricks in their tower or who had the same amount on their picnic plate. When looking at the amounts we have also begun to explore making equal groups. Finally, we have been learning more about a new Super Six learning behaviour. This week we have all tried hard to be an 'organised octopus' by planning our ideas before choosing, ensuring we have the correct items at home time and by resetting our learning environment at putting away time. Well done Reception!

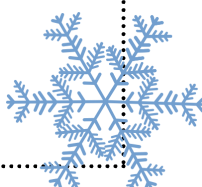
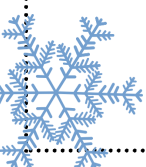


**Year 1** Happy New Year! Year 1 have settled in wonderfully back into their classroom routine and have made some amazing progress over the holidays! We are very proud of them. We started off the week by doing PE and began our dance based on weather and seasons. We then had our first Practise Reading Session of the year and were excited to get our new book and practise decoding and prosody (expression in our voice). This week, we introduced our new topic, 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' and on Monday we went for a walk around the school and our outdoor area and came up with some ideas on how we can make the school better, such as planting flowers and adding bird feeders to attract wildlife. In Maths, we continued with addition and subtraction to 20 and practised adding by counting on. We also found and made number bonds. In English, we read 'Oliver's Vegetables' and began the week by predicting what the story is about from looking at the front cover. We then read the book and wrote a list of the vegetables from the story. In topic, we looked at the parts of a plant and tree and sorted plants into garden plants and wild plants. We then used Play-Doh to make our own flower. During Choosing Time, we did a Nature Eye Spy, made a LEGO flower, built our own flower with the parts in the correct place, played plant BINGO and made a flower out of pom poms, lolly sticks and pipe cleaners with correct labels and shared our work on Seesaw.



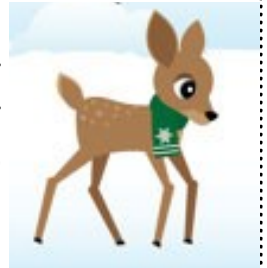
## Year 2

What a wonderful first week back we have had! As soon as we returned to school, we became detectives due to suspicious dinosaur-looking footprints being found on the KS2 playground. After we researched different dinosaurs, using laptops and books, we wrote letters to Mr Dutton immediately to let him know which type we thought it was and why we think they visited Pirbright. We then learnt about the different dinosaur periods and plotted them onto a time line. After this, we became palaeontologists, digging for bones and creating skeleton artwork. In English we have begun reading 'The Secret Dinosaur' and we have already written instructions to help the museum know how to clean their dusty dinoteks. In Maths we have enjoyed using games such as hit the button to increase our fluency when answering times table questions.



## Year 3

Never mind New Year fireworks, Year 3 have returned with a bang! Our new topic saw us crawling through tunnels with torches to discover Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We've since been contacted by an archaeologist who needs some help in setting up a museum (which we will be sure to invite you to!) so we have our work cut out this term in brushing up on our Egyptian knowledge and producing artefacts to fill the museum. In English, we watched a short film called 'Whistleless' and got our creative juices flowing writing setting and character descriptions about 'Whistleless'. Our Maths work this term begins with our second multiplication and division unit focusing on multiplying two digits by one.

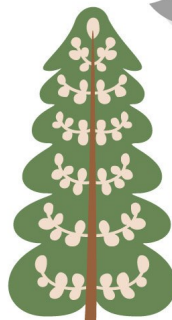


Phew! What a busy start to the term!

## Year 4

What a fantastic first full week back! We thought we'd have an electrifying start to the term and the children have enjoyed a week of science and DT, creating super 'Steady Hand Games', incorporating simple electrical circuits into their designs. They've learnt how to draw circuit diagrams, how to test for electrical conductors and how making changes to the circuit can affect the flow of electrons. Some of the children can even recall the inner workings of a battery!

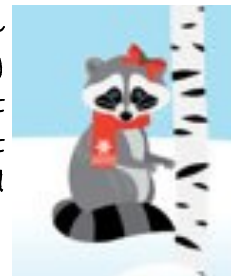
A key lesson was based around electrical safety and the classes created posters or adverts warning of the dangers associated with misuse of electricity. In English, we have enjoyed Wallace and Grommit's Cracking Contraptions which have provided the stimulus for our own epic ideas. The children have designed and explained exactly how their devices would work.



## Year 5

It has been a jam-packed week for Year 5 with lots more fun and exciting learning linked to our new topic 'Journey Around the World'. In English, we have been continuing to read Kensuke's Kingdom and used our knowledge to debate for and against an around the world sailing trip, write lists using colons, semi-colons and commas as well as writing our own entries for a ship's log book based around a trip to Perth, Australia.

In Maths, we have learnt about line graphs and have drawn our own, interpreted data and solved problems. Our dream catchers have been a real pleasure to make this week and we learnt lots of new skills for joins and decorations. In computing we began exploring Digimap and in Science we thought about how boats work by carrying out mini experiments for up-thrust and water resistance.



## Year 6

Welcome back to everybody, and a Happy New Year! We have been delighted to see that Year 6 have returned to school with renewed energy and have really hit the ground running for what will be a very busy term. In Maths, we have been busy wrapping up the end of the fractions topic that we began before Christmas before moving onto decimals and percentages next week. This week, the children have been tackling the tricky task of multiplying and dividing fractions. Our main theme for this term will be 'Celebrating Me!' and we have started by looking at biographies and autobiographies in English: identifying the characteristic features of the genre and also having a go at writing about a memorable moment from our lives. This idea has been carried into our Art lessons too, where the children have been learning how to draw portraits, including some slightly surreal self-portraits that were also intended to communicate the artist's key personality traits!

