



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 11th November 2021

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

Supertato to the rescue! We really enjoyed listening to the story of Supertato and the evil peas. In choosing time some of us chose to make our own cape and evil pea traps! We had great fun hunting the evil peas and rescuing the vegetables. During our Busy Bee time we designed and made our own Supertato and were also challenged to create Supertato collages- we were excellent at tearing the paper! In our maths sessions we have been exploring different shapes, paying particular attention to circles and triangles. We used our noticing skills to hunt shapes in the classroom and practised using vocabulary such as curved, straight and sides to describe their properties. Reception were very respectful when they visited Brookwood Cemetery as part of our whole school Remembrance service. The reception team are very proud of you all!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a super week of learning! We started the week with gymnastics in the hall which was great fun! We then did our first Reading Practise Session of the week and started our new book. In PSHE, we learned about Remembrance Day and wrote thank you cards and an acrostic poem. We discussed the importance of respect and who we show respect for on Remembrance Day. In maths we have been learning about subtraction by discussing 'how many left?'. In English on Tuesday, we looked at some pictures of The Great Fire of London but we didn't know what they were pictures of! We wrote questions about the pictures and showed our Super 6 skill of curiosity. On Thursday, our questions were answered when we learned about what the pictures were of...The Great Fire of London! In RE, we have discussed the importance of the church to Christians and in Geography, we have looked at how London has changed from 1666 to now. In phonics we have been learning the sounds 'o', 'i', 'a' and 'e'. In History, we have learnt about The Great Fire of London and had lots of discussions about the event. On Thursday, we showed our respect at Brookwood Cemetery by walking and standing beautifully and having two minutes silence. On Friday, we sequenced events from The Great Fire of London and ended the week with some outdoor PE!



Year 2

This week, our journey around the world took us to Brazil! In English, we joined Mr Elephant on his Rio journey and discovered lots of famous places in Rio de Janeiro. First, we used our knowledge of expanded noun phrases to describe landmarks such as Sugarloaf Mountain and Copacabana Beach. We then looked at describing them using alliteration. On Wednesday, we applied our use of conjunctions to be able to write persuasive sentences to tell others why they need to visit Brazil. In Maths, we moved onto looking at subtracting a one-digit number from a 2-digit number. We did lots of practical learning, ready to give column subtraction a go next week. Year 2 certainly impressed us with their atlas skills this week. They were able to use an atlas correctly to find Brazil and use it to label the capital city, other cities, countries and oceans that border it. Of course, Friday was our brilliant Brazil Day! It was fantastic to see the children dressed up so brightly... we had so much fun! The Brazilian carnival certainly



Year 3 This week Year 3 have been enjoying finding out more about Stig from 'Stig of the Dump' and have been retrieving information from the text to help them express thoughts and opinions about the characters and events in the tale. We used our creativity skills and exciting vocabulary to describe Stig. In Science, we have devised an experiment to test rocks in order to find out why the people of the Stone Age chose different rocks for different purposes including building and hunting. In Maths, the children have been extending their skills in addition and subtraction by adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers from a 3 digit number. They have been thinking about how to use exchanging strategies and recording their working out in different ways to help them check their answers. We have been thinking about the significance of the Poppy and why it is important to remember and we took part in the school's remembrance service at Brookwood cemetery. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

We have been completing our unit on the Firework Maker's Daughter and the children have produced fabulous writing about Lila's epic firework display for the king. They also designed their own amazing imaginary firework. Next week, we will be moving onto our 'Contrasting Stories' unit where we explore books by authors from the early 20th Century and those from the last few years. We are also progressing onto 'Length and Perimeter' in maths. In Science we have continued our exploration of solids and liquids and in DT we are looking into pop-up technology. Over the next few weeks, the children will be creating their own moving books full of flaps, pop-ups and levers. In French lessons this week we have enjoyed a variety of nursery rhymes and linked these to our vocabulary work on parts of the body.



Year 5

It has been another busy week in Year 5. In Maths, we have continued with our learning on area and perimeter and began applying our understanding when problem solving. Throughout the week, in English, we have planned our own competition stories based on the structure of both Cosmic and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We came up with characters and enjoyed writing examples of Tweets which announced the winners. We are looking forward to writing our chapters next week. In topic, we have been researchers; creating presentations about planets and factual posters about a key part of the local area. We also began our circuits PE unit, and pushed ourselves through some serious pain with some of the exercises we were trying out (wall holds are evil!)



We all made our teachers proud on Thursday as we showed such maturity when visiting the Brookwood Cemetery for Remembrance. A super, jam-packed week!

Year 6

We hope that you all had a restful half term. The children have come back full of beans ready for the next (slightly busy!) half term. The main focus of our work in Mathematics this week has been on multiplication. The children have been reinforcing their understanding of previously learnt strategies and been applying them to calculations involving larger numbers. By the end of the week, they were all happily using long multiplication to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In English, we have used our core text for this term, Letters from the Lighthouse, as the inspiration for researching, planning and composing some non-fiction writing about lighthouses. Did you know that the first lighthouse is believed to have been built in 280 BC and that the world's tallest lighthouse is 131m high? In History, we have continued our topic on WWII and this week the children have been learning more about the Battle of Britain and in particular about the impact on the main cities that were targeted.

