



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 15th October 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

This week, Reception have enjoyed the wonderful story of Elmer by David McKee. We have learned the vocabulary 'unique' and discussed what makes us all unique. In maths, we have been learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and have enjoyed meeting the characters who live in 10 Town. We are getting really good at identifying objects and images that represent the numbers 1-3. In our Busy Bee time, we have started our dough disco! It has been so much fun, dancing and manipulating the dough to strengthen our fingers! We have also been practicing our cutting skills and started to make our own cutting and sticking scrapbooks, this week focusing on things that are red. We were so proud to see how the children's confidence has already grown so much, as they were able to show their parents around during family lunch. It was so lovely to see so many of you there!



Year 1

What a fun week Year 1 have had!

We started our week by reading our new topic story called 'The Snail and The Whale'. We wrote adjectives about the snail and the whale and put them into sentences as well as writing a setting description of under the ocean. In maths we have been using part-whole models to help us write addition sentences and used

practical items to help us systematically work out the number bonds up to 10. In PE we have carried on with our seaside dance and during our Choosing Time, some of us have challenged ourselves by doing town and countryside comparisons, making paper plates with the continents on and labelling the parts of the UK. In Geography, we learnt about the UK as well as continents and listened and sang along to, the Continents Song which we are now (almost!) experts at! It is also very catchy! During our English and maths lessons, some of us have been going outside to draw whales in chalk and filling it with adjectives, make part-whole models outside using Autumn objects and going on a bug hunt! On Thursday, we had a fantastic time during Family Lunch; we loved having our parents with us to eat lunch and had fun with them on the playground and field. On Friday, we discussed our own special books in RE and celebrated one another's fabulous home learning. Well done Year One!



Year 2


It has certainly been another fun filled week here in Year 2!

We boarded our flight around the world and landed in Australia! To begin with, we recapped our compass knowledge and then learnt how to use an atlas—we are real geographers now! We used these new skills to find out lots of information about Australia and on Wednesday we learnt about some of the Aboriginal people and were able to recreate some of their stories using dance. In English, we have really enjoyed reading the story 'Diary of a Wombat' and have worked hard to turn the diary into a Year 2 worthy piece of writing. In maths, our addition and subtraction unit has started. We began the week by consolidating our knowledge of comparing number sentences, finding 10 more and 10 less of a number and adding one digit numbers to two digit numbers. It was so lovely to see so many of you at family lunch! We are certainly feeling ready for half term next week...



Year 3

We cannot be more proud of the children from Year 3 this week. We had their first school trip this year to Butser Ancient Farm and all staff onsite, all parents that joined the trip and all our teaching team agreed that their behaviour fully reflected our Pirbright Values. The children were engaged in all activities, reflected on their prior learning and asked relevant questions. Great job! Back in school, the children have planned and written a recount for a time capsule for the Year 2 children to read next year prior to their trip to get them excited about it too. In maths, we have been entering the challenging world of 'exchanging'! Ask your child how to exchange single and two-digit numbers for addition. What a week!



Year 4

We have started our English unit of the Firework-maker's Daughter. This is a story set in a far-away land where a young girl, called Lila, heads off on an adventure to discover how to become a master firework-maker. It is a great story and fits perfectly with our 'Adventure is out there...' topic. In maths we have started our unit on addition and subtraction. We have sent home some times-tables work books today with the children so they can practise their number facts daily. Before we get to half-term, Year 4 have the responsibility of the Harvest Assembly next week and the classes have been practising ready for that, with some lovely poems and some acting skills on show. In science we have been designing and carrying out sound experiments, making predictions and recording our results. In art we have focused on composition of landscapes with foreground and background, incorporating perspective into our pictures.



Year 5

This week we have continued with our learning about the Pandora. We have been creating our own creatures which would be at home in the mystical place and worked on generating vocabulary, using figurative language and writing descriptions. We had a go at 'Slow Writing' towards the end of week where we were given a criteria of SPaG features which needed to be included in our writing—it really tested our knowledge and understanding of what we have learnt in the past. In Maths, we continued working on column subtraction, ensuring that we understand when to exchange—particularly when there are zeros in the number. In our Wonderful Working topic lessons we explored the Shah Jahan Mosque, its history and importance in the local area.



Year 6

It has been a busy week of cramming in as much exciting learning as possible before half term! After reading a chapter of *Letters from the Lighthouse*, the children put their acting skills to good use and performed their own versions with freeze frames to show the emotions of the characters throughout. Following on from this, the children wrote diary entries from one of the characters' perspectives, using fronted adverbials to add extra information. In Maths this week, we investigated what squared and cubed numbers are and the differences between them. We then moved on to solving addition and subtraction calculations. In History, we read 'Martin and Erika's Journey', which tells the tale of two children who had to flee Germany during WWII because they were Jewish. We looked at the rules and laws that Jewish people had to live by in Germany during WWII. Using their prior knowledge of graphic scores, the children continued to compose their own Blitz music, considering how the dynamics and tempo could add to the performance. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

