



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 1st 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 listening to the story 'Julian is a mermaid.' After reading this story, the children discussed how we are similar and how we are different. We took it in turns to draw around each other and fill our pictures with drawings of items that were all about them. Some things were similar to our friends and somethings were different. In our phonics sessions we have continued to learn new letter sounds and increase our oral blending skills. Each day, during our choosing time we have been practising our safe cutting skills, independent painting skills and using playdough to create our own mermaids. Our maths sessions have focussed on comparing different amounts, we made towers of different heights and compared ribbon and string lengths. The children were very good at making sure the start line was the same when comparing. Reception were also fantastic at getting changed for their first P.E lesson. Well done, your teachers are very proud of you!



Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting Diversity week! We started our week by reading 'All Are Welcome' and discussed what the story is about and what we have learnt from it. In English, we have been writing about what we are good at, our hobbies, our favourite food, what makes us happy and used capital letters when writing the names of family members. In

maths, we have been ordering numbers and creating our own number line. We are becoming experts at forming and knowing our numbers to 10. In RE, we have learnt more about God and the Christian belief that God loves all people; we made a collage to show this belief. In art, we have painted self-portraits as well as drawing the other half of a photo of ourselves.

We are very proud of them! We spoke about the primary colours and how to make secondary colours when painting. We also made pictures of our family which involved sticking down the template and adding clothes, hair and features; not forgetting their names! We had lots of discussions about Diversity and how all people and families are different, yet we are all still welcome. In PE, we have continued with throwing and catching and our Seaside dance. On Friday, we ended the week with some exciting games in Potted Sports! What a fun-filled week!



Year 2

This week our theme has been 'diversity' and the children have been sharing their wonderful ideas about why it is great to be different. Our learning has been linked to a wordless picture book called 'Mirror' by Jeannie Baker. It shares pictures of a family in Australia and a family in Morocco and depicts the differences between these two places. We have compared them in many ways including, the landscapes, clothes, food, shops and animals. In English, we have produced acrostic poems for the word 'different' and written letters to Morocco to find out what it is like there. In Art, we learnt about Moroccan and Australian culture and have produced beautiful mosaic tiles and colourful boomerangs. We have also really enjoyed searching different countries around the world on 'Google Earth', finding famous landmarks and spotting similarities and differences.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have been celebrating diversity; learning about our similarities and what makes each of us unique. We have looked together at the text 'El Deafo' which is an illustrated autobiography of Cece Bell, who as a child caught an illness and lost her hearing as a result. Year 3 have learned about a device which helped Cece to be able to hear and communicate again, allowing her to feel both included with her peers again while also feeling special and unique and celebrating this. The children have thought about different forms of communication which can aid inclusion, have learned some Makaton signing and designed and made a communication device or system to help them send messages to each other. One of our favourite activities this week has been creating our very own planets for each child in the class which allows them to share what they are proud of and what makes them happy while also enabling the children to share things they find challenging. It was a lovely celebration of each child and an added chance to get to know the children even better. It will be lovely to share these with you in the coming weeks and some will even be part of the new display board in the main entrance to the building.



Year 4

The children of Year 4 have blown our socks away this week with their mature and respectful attitude towards the learning during our Diversity Theme week. We based our learning around the book Tusk Tusk. The children started the week by sequencing the story as well as discussing the moral and how it relates to their lives. They created pieces of music using a range of instruments to portray the characters and parts of the story. Alongside this, the children practised their sketching and painting skills to create a different piece of art ready to go onto our display board next week. On Wednesday the children planned their own story based on the moral of Tusk Tusk. They got creative and designed their own characters and plot about how the characters are prejudiced towards each other. Finally, the week ended with Potted Sports! What a great week Year 4!



Year 5

Diversity week has been a real hit in Year 5 with lots of very mature conversations around our text 'The Arrival' and the theme of immigration. We began the week exploring images from the book, which we used to generate key vocabulary in order to write emotive poems. We also worked on our inference and questioning skills when we examined a suitcase belonging to an immigrant, which also sparked our own thoughts on why people may leave their homes and the most important things they take with them. We were inspired, as the week progressed, with some great letter writing from the point of view of the main character of the book as well as some fabulous sketching of some of the illustrations by Shaun Tan. We also kept our Maths brains ticking throughout the week with some place value games and activities as we end the topic, ready to begin addition and subtraction.



Year 6

What an exciting week we have had! To celebrate Diversity Week, Year 6 have been looking closely at 'Earth Magic, Sky Magic', a collection of Native American stories, written by different tribes all across North and Central America. Using their geographical skills, the children had a closer look at the different tribes featured in the book, including where they are located and what they are best known for. After reading lots of the stories and carefully looking at the different features, the children wrote their own version, considering why nature is the way it is.

Other activities this week included some excellent tapestry making through weaving wool, as well as the Year 6 team totem pole that we had to build outside because of the size of it! The week concluded with Potted Sports; it was amazing to see the Year 6s being such wonderful role models for the younger children.

