



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 24th September 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

**Miss Durdle, Mrs Greer and Mrs Carpenter are so proud of how we have settled into school life at Pirbright. It has been a very busy and fun filled first full week!**



**Throughout the week the children have continued to explore their learning environment, make new friends and sharing new experiences together. During choosing time the children have had fun taking turns using the trikes and scooters, used large construction to create fantastic vehicles, created a selection of playdough cakes and drawn wonderful pictures and secret messages. During our maths sessions we have been exploring the concepts of matching and sorting. There was lots of fun had looking at a variety of buttons and helping sort the teachers sock pile. The children have listened carefully during our phonics sessions and have begun learning the letter sounds s,a,t and p. We are very excited to bring home our phonics flash-card book to practice!**

**Year 1** What an exciting week we have had in Year 1! We started our week by doing Dance in the hall. We are learning a dance about the seaside! In maths, we have been practising greater than and less than, one to one correspondence and ordinal numbers. We made our own greater than/less than crocodiles to practise maths questions with our friends. On Monday afternoon, 1JL went on a village walk around Pirbright and 1GE went on Tuesday. We had a great time learning about our local area and discussing seasons and types of trees. We learned a bit about St Michael and All Angels Church and why our school logo has pears on the pear tree! In English this week, we are reading 'In Every House on Every Street' and have been focusing on our tricky words by writing them in sentences. We have also been labelling our house drawings with adjectives. On Wednesday, we had music and RE where we learned about what Christian's believe God is like. In Topic, we have been looking at aerial view maps of our local area and made our own Pirbright map using animals, grass, LEGO and cardboard buildings of Pirbright landmarks. In ICT, we practised logging in and out of the computer and how to use the keyboard and mouse properly. In Topic, we explored human and physical features of Pirbright and finally, on Friday, we were shown around the field by the lovely Year 6's so we know the daily mile route!



**Year 2** Our trip to India has certainly been exciting this week! On Tuesday, we were incredibly lucky to have the lovely Mrs Nair join our PE lesson to teach us some fabulous Indian dancing from the North and South of India—ask us to show you some of our moves. We took inspiration from Grandpa Chatterji and headed to the kitchen to make... chapatis! Sampling them afterwards was certainly the most exciting part and it is safe to say they went down a treat! In English, we looked at the different features of writing a recipe and wrote our own chapati recipe so we can make them at home. If making our own Indian food wasn't enough, we got to sample some more Indian delicacies this week, making sure we made notes on flavour and texture and discussed how it compared to food in the UK. Architecture is another skill we can add to our list this week as we combined maths and art to create symmetrical sketches of the Taj Mahal. In maths, we learnt how to count in steps of 3 and consolidated our knowledge of odd and even numbers. Phew—what a fantastic week!



## Year 3

Year 3 have had another amazing week with a brilliant start, swimming at the Guildford Spectrum, who knew our Year 3 were such confident swimmers? We have continued to investigate what it was like to live in the Stone Age. After using our creativity to design our own Stone Age home we worked collaboratively to make them as small models out of natural resources in the school grounds. In maths, we have finished off our Place Value topic by ordering numbers in ascending and descending order and we have furthered our fluency skills by sequencing numbers on numberlines and manipulating the place value of different digits in 3-digit numbers. In English, we summarised the text 'Stone Age Boy' and rewrote the story with an exciting twist of our own... Om, a Stone Age girl, has landed in present day Pirbright! We have continued our Judaism topic in RE, learning about different artefacts you might find inside a synagogue.



## Year 4

We've completed our English unit on the conquest of Everest and the children have written excellent diaries, descriptions and newspaper articles—what a busy week. We look forward to our Diversity Week focus in English next week. In maths, the classes have worked on larger numbers, comparing four-digit numbers and adding and subtracting thousands. We have explore avalanches and glaciers and have linked this to our work on Edmund Hillary. Our Glockenspiel unit has continued with the children mimicking melodies and playing bass lines and solos! We will move onto keyboards over the next few weeks. The children had the chance to listen to prospective team captains in the elections today and to cast their votes, as well as enjoying their House Team lunches this week.



## Year 5

Another busy week in Year 5! We have been learning about the features of a diary this week, culminating in writing their own diary entry as 'Little Freak'. We have continued our unit on Place Value in maths, working with and comparing numbers up to one million. In Science we looked at the data from our shadow investigation, ready to work on a conclusion as to what this data means. We enjoyed demonstrating and teaching our Boccia skills in PE, and also learning the next moves in Ultimate Frisbee.



Our ukulele playing is also improving as we practise the chords C, E, G7 and G – we are beginning to create short pieces with these chords.

## Year 6

This week, the school has had 'House Lunch Week', where the different houses have been able to get to know each other a little bit better at lunch times. Year 6 have taken this opportunity to introduce themselves to the rest of their house, prior to the house captain elections that took place on Friday – well done to all of those who put themselves forward! In English this week, the focus has been on using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions in their writing to add description and suspense. The children have written some very spooky stories, titled 'The Hairy Hands', putting this into practice! After starting the week with some fluency practice in Maths, we concluded our place value topic with some learning all about negative and positive numbers. As part of their History and ICT work, the children have been conducting research into different WWII leaders and putting this information into an interactive quiz to share with the rest of the class – we can't wait to test our knowledge!

