



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 1st July 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 we've been on an underwater adventure and alongside learning about sea creatures, we've been making the most of our writing opportunities and putting pencil to paper to retell the story of "Tiddler". We enjoyed learning facts about fish and sharks and used our labelling skills to identify key features such as fin, scales and gills. We worked together, like the collaborative camel, and used our creative skills to create fantastic box aquariums. In our Forest School sessions, we loved exploring the area hunting for minibeasts, climbing trees, and creating patterns with the natural objects. Our maths sessions have focused on doubling, we have practised our doubling skills whilst making our own superhero salads. We had to double the ingredients to give us our superhero powers! In our P.E sessions we were excited to start practising our races for sports day. We tried really hard to stay in our lanes, run to the end of the track and keep our egg on the spoon!



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been exploring the story 'On The Way Home' by Jill Murphy. We used the story as inspiration for our own stories, thinking about what may happen to us on the way home. We had to be very imaginative, coming up with weird and wonderful ideas for the characters we would meet, what may go wrong and who would help us. We used our Y1 writing checklist to help us with our writing, ensuring that we had clear capital letters, full stops and conjunctions! We are certainly becoming superstar writers who are ready for Y2. In Maths we have continued with our learning on fractions; exploring halves and quarters of shapes, objects and amounts. We have also been working on our number bonds, trying hard to move up a level in the Magicians Guild. A big focus for us this week was animals! We read another favourite story called 'The Mixed Up Chameleon' which we used to help us identify animal body parts and create our own mixed up creatures. We also looked at animal groups and discussed the criteria for grouping animals as mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds. We have been enjoying some great music activities on Charanga, especially thinking about our likes and dislikes with music and identifying the instruments we can hear. IJL also had fun at the farm on Monday morning with Mrs Sibley! Another fab week!



Year 2

What an exciting week Year 2 have had! The week started off with a walk around the Pirbright Pond to discuss the human and physical features of Pirbright as well as practising their road safety skills ready for the beach. While half the class were out for the walk, the other half used different sized containers to discuss capacity language. On Monday afternoon, we looked at the features of a beach ready to locate them when we got to Little Hampton. Obviously, the highlight of the week was the beach trip on Wednesday! We had such a great time. We had a chat with the local lifeguards, went for a walk to spot the features of a beach, we enjoyed the beach itself and of course had a delicious ice cream! After the excitement of the beach, we wrote a recount of our day in Little Hampton. The children applied everything they have learnt over the year to write some excellent recounts. To finish off the week, we went to Music Suite to create a soundscape. The children listened to the sounds of the instruments to recreate the sounds of the beach.



Year 3

Little Wolf's Book of Badness by Ian Whybrow has been the hilarious focus of our English learning this week! The children enjoyed using their VIPERS skills at the beginning of the week to predict what the text could be about, before beginning to read about Little Wolf's adventures. Then they wrote some fabulous instructions using imperative verbs, time connectives and even alliteration to help Little Wolf to follow his map and arrive safely at school. In maths we have continued our geometry unit and have been busy recapping our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We have been using mathematical vocabulary to describe and identify them as well as constructing 3D shapes using nets. Our environmental artwork has been a real highlight of the week! The children used their 'Super 6' collaboration and creativity skills to plan and create their wonderful group pieces using a variety of natural materials.



Year 4

As we enter July, it is impossible to ignore the fact that another academic year is drawing to a close. Year 4 have been working extra-hard in order to complete all of the exciting learning that has been planned for this term. Our Maths work this week has revolved around time, and in particular reading clocks and converting between analogue, digital and 24-hour times. In English, we have continued our work on *Romeo & Juliet*, writing both a gossipy, 'Hello!' style recount of the Capulets' ball and a more hard-hitting report into the story's tragic conclusion. In History, the children have been learning about how Romans prayed; they were able to compare and contrast the major Roman gods with those of the Ancient Greeks that we studied before Christmas. Finally, in Science, the children have been planning and conducting electrical experiments to learn which factors affect the brightness of a bulb.



Year 5

5EP have been in the IT suite this week, (5AW next week) looking at coding and how to find and fix bugs in programs. We've been getting to grips with units of measurement and conversion between them in Maths, e.g. how many millilitres in a pint? Year 5's have become reporters for *The Daily Pirbright* and *Pirbright Times*, following the wolf blowing down the three little pigs' houses. We've also looked at witness statements and evidence to corroborate the wolf's story. Following the uncovering of new evidence, the children wrote a persuasive letter to the Magistrate, fearing a miscarriage of justice! To prepare for Sports Day—see below—we have had mini races to warm up for next week's excitement. 5AW had a fantastic afternoon of tennis with Tim (not Henman), refining their racquet forehand and backhand



Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have all taken a trip to South America! To begin, we studied the geography of the whole continent, locating different countries and features. We then narrowed down our research to Brazil and focused on the physical and human geography of this country. Towards the end of the week we began to gather information about the Amazon rainforest in order to write a non-chronological report. Our afternoons saw 6LB having a week's music learning the ukulele, whilst we all began to design rainforest themed cushions. Our sewing skills using paper are really starting to improve, we look forward to starting on the real thing now! In a busy week, we still had time to learn a little more about Hinduism in RE, and enjoyed some excellent games of rounders.

