



# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 25th June 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 swapped timetables! 1JL have been working on their coding skills throughout the week, definitely making the most of our computer suite slot. When back in the classroom, we have been using suffixes for describing plants, making sure that we spell the root word correctly before adding the different endings. We have also been looking at naming and labelling trees and plants as well as using the prefix -un in English. We have been practising our phase 3 sounds 'air', 'ear' and 'ure' in our phonics activities. 1DC have been learning about fruits and vegetables this week and how to eat healthy whilst focusing on this week's story called 'Oliver's Vegetables'. To develop our writing, we have been thinking of wow adjectives to describe vegetables and continued recounting our observations of our growing cress. We have explored where different fruits and vegetables come from and used this as inspiration for our work with the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We also did some very tasty and exciting work with vegetables using our senses—yum! In Maths, all of us have been learning about money and recognising the value of each coin as well as counting and comparing. In RE we have been learning about Judaism and exploring what Shabbat is and the importance of rest for Jewish families. What a busy week!



## Year 2

The sun has been shining this week and it has certainly made a difference here in Year 2! This week we have continued our learning about mass and have measured objects in both grams and kilograms as well as reading a wide array of different scales and their intervals. We continued looking at the Postcards from Crabby Spit in English and focused more on our SPAG skills to show off in our writing. We recapped suffixes, editing and our VIPERS skills. We are incredibly excited about our beach trip next week, especially after learning so much more about the Victorian seaside! We learnt about the different entertainment provided at the beach during the Victorian era and how that compares to the beach today. We created advertising posters as well as our very own Punch and Judy shows! In French, we learnt how to say the different colours in preparation for Rainbow Friday and on Friday we conducted an experiment about how to survive on a stranded island! It was fabulous to see the array of colours in school on Friday and everyone getting a chance to express themselves! What another fantastic week!



## Year 3

*This week in Year 3 the children have been focusing on Geometry in Maths looking at a variety of different angles, lines and turns. They have enjoyed being able to find right angles in the classroom, using compass points and demonstrating quarter, half, three quarter and whole turns in different directions themselves. In English, we have finished our own fantastic stories about 'The Promise' and moved onto our new unit of fact files. The children took notes as they watched video clips and read books about Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough. They used all the great information they had collected and put it into their amazing fact files. The children have been getting stuck into planning their final piece of artwork for the end of our topic 'Engaging Environments'. They had lots of fun using their 'Super Six' skill of collaboration, working together to come up with ideas and searching outside for materials they are going to use. In Guided Reading, the children have continued to be enthralled by 'How To Train Your Dragon' and got their creative juices flowing by making a visual story map of Chapter 14 and the battle between the Hooligans and the Green and Purple Death. Wow! What a busy week Year 3 have had.*



## Year 4

**Telling the time has been our focus in maths this week. At this age, there is a huge variety in children's confidence in this area. Some can convert 12 hour and 24 clocks, others are perfecting half past, quarter past and quarter to. This is such an important life skill and one well worth spending time on! (Did you see what we did there!) In our study of Romeo and Juliet, we have written letters between Tybalt and Romeo, justifying our points of view. In history, we have been exploring the houses and country villas of the Roman elite! PE included aerobics in the classroom on Monday and today some cricket. The children have been applying their knowledge of electricity to an enterprise project creating battery powered toys. This week they focused on their designs.**



## Year 5

This week we have finished our Five Children & It focus in English, with a book review. Also, thinking of how we write about emotions, without actually telling the reader the feeling, we wrote 'show don't tell' sentences. A week of learning about and converting measurements proved a fun one. We learnt the importance of knowing the meaning of the prefixes cent, kilo, milli. In Science we tested the elasticity of an elastic band, adding different weights. We discussed our predictions and later organised and presented the results in a table and line graph. To celebrate diversity and acceptance, we wore rainbow coloured clothes on Friday. Continuing with Pride Month, we have discussed the history of the movement and why it is important for everyone to get involved. In History we learnt why the Romans left Britain in Anglo Saxon times and we also began to look at armour and weaponry. As a result of some informal assessments, the children have seen what in their learning need to be made and will focus on these for the rest of the term.



## Year 6

*In Year 6 this week, the children have been very busy! After setting up their own class bakery, the children have begun an exciting Maths project, finding out which ingredients they need to make different amounts of cupcakes, whilst researching where the best value ingredients are. We have really enjoyed using the film 'Up' as our writing stimulus this week; after watching the story of Ellie's life, the children have written a biography, highlighting all of the ups and downs. Using their Mayan sculpture designs from last week, the children began to model them out of plasticine, before having a go at moulding them out of clay. We are so impressed with how they have turned out, and can't wait to see what they look like painted next week! The sun even decided to make an appearance for our lovely long rounder's games on Wednesday – great sportsmanship and fun was had by all!*

