



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 11th 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

Welcome back Reception! This week the children have enjoyed learning all about farm animals. We enjoyed a trip to the nurture farm where we identified different animals and looked at where they live. During our Busy Bee time, we learnt about different farm animals and their young, used our painting skills to create our own farm animal portraits and used our joining skills to create a windmill from the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. Throughout our maths sessions, we have used our First, Then and Now number stories to focus on the skill of subtraction. Our first Forest School session was very exciting and we focused on the theme of 'The Gruffalo.' We enjoyed creating Gruffalo characters from clay and natural objects, building animal habitats from the story and used our climbing and balancing skills safely, whilst exploring logs and stumps. What a very busy week of learning!



Year 1

What a fun filled week of learning Year 1 have had for their first week back of the Summer term! We began Monday with an introduction to our new topic, 'Nurturing Nature' and discussed what this topic might be about. We wrote some questions we would like to find out and will read them in July to see if we have answered them! In maths this week we have been learning about arrays and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We are becoming experts! In RE, we have learnt about the inside features and symbols of a church and what they mean. In English, we have been using adjectives to describe nature as well as using different suffixes such as -ed, -er and -est to compare different plants. We have been discussing seasons in Science and how trees and plants change as they go through each season. In Art, we have been researching Van Gogh and copied his artwork. In PSHE, we have discussed how and why we look after nature. On Friday, we planted cress seeds so we can observe the way they grow. We also explored the physical features of nature in Geography. Our Rainbow Challenges this week consisted of Van Gogh paintings, writing questions, explaining how to care for our planet, describing pictures of nature, exploring nature's physical features and describing how trees change throughout the seasons. Year 1 have had a fantastic week!



Year 2

What a fabulous first week back! Year 2 have been continuing learning how to tell the time this week. We revisited telling the time in 5 minute intervals, comparing events and deciding if they take more or less than an hour and answering problems around hours and days. In English we wrote our very own adventure stories inspired by the video 'Something Fishy'. They were excellent to read and everyone has made some fantastic progress over this year. On Monday we looked at the art work of Victorian artist William Morris. We roamed the school grounds to create designs inspired by nature, just like Morris, and then used a block printing technique to make our own wallpaper. We finally got to have our postponed Victorian Day—yippee! We spent some time in the Victorian classroom—practising handwriting, maths, technical drawing for boys and sewing for girls as well as experiencing how strict Victorian classrooms were. We then spent the afternoon on the school field playing Victorian parlour games and eating a delicious picnic of staple Victorian foods. A great day was had by all! We can't wait to see what next week will bring!





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Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed being in school after a lovely half term holiday, mostly to rush back and discover how our plants have changed and developed in our Science experiment! Thankfully, Mr Brincombe was bribed with chocolate to water them for us during the break! In keeping with our current topic 'Engaging Environments', we have started an exciting new text in English, 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. This has had us totally gripped from the front cover! The children have been using their inference skills to write detailed predictions about the book based on the cover and using their observation and creativity skills to describe the setting. In Maths, we have continued with our unit on Mass and Capacity, focusing on comparing, adding and subtracting mass and then investigating capacity using rice and containers. In topic we have been learning how water is transported in plants and have set up an exciting experiment using plants and lots of brightly coloured dye in order to observe the results. We are excited to discover what happens!



Year 4

Having finished our work on decimals earlier in the week, we have now started to apply that knowledge and understanding to our new mathematics topic on money. This will also consolidate the activities that the children have been busily doing in our current 'Money Matters' topic in PSHE—so keep a close eye on your wallets and purses! In History, the children have been thinking about how the invading Romans would have chosen the sites for their new settlements and also what military advantages they would have had over the local celtic warriors. As part of our ICT unit on 'Sound & Music', the children have been creatively exploring a variety of instruments using the GarageBand app. Finally, in Art, we have moved on from classical architecture to some much more modern examples of buildings. The children considered whether a range of recent structures still met Vitruvius' three principles and also how they personally responded to those designs.



Year 5

Great to see everyone back after a fabulous sunny Half Term. E Nesbit's classic story, Five Children and It, is the inspiration for our English focus this week. Already we have written a character description, re-visited similes and metaphors and continued one of the chapters, writing in the author's style. We've brushed up our number knowledge this week, developed our confidence and refined our skills in prime numbers, factors, square and cubed numbers Also, multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. Wednesday was our first tennis session with Tennis Tim - a very hot one too! We concentrated on racquet control of the ball In our new Anglo-Saxons topic, we researched timelines, placing Anglo Saxons in the correct time period. This half term's Happy Mind unit 'Celebrate,' looks at our own character and how we should celebrate our similarities and differences. Using a hairdryer and a piece of paper in Science, was one of the forces experiments we produced ; this one demonstrated gravity and up thrust at work. 'The Anglo Saxon Boy,' is our guided reading text and so far we have enjoyed the gruesome descriptions. Rounders on the field really saw our batting and bowling improve.



Year 6

Unfortunately, Year 6 are having too much fun in the sun to write a learning week entry!

