



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 21st May 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

We started our week reading "The Bog Baby" and discussed the needs of animals and the importance of them living in their correct habitats. During our Busy Bee sessions, we have sorted a variety of natural and man-made objects and used these to create our own bog baby habitats. In our myHappyMind session we have continued to learn about how important our brains are. We thought about the messages our brains send every time we do something and made our own brains hats that represent this. During our Maths sessions we have begun learning about addition using the language First, Then and Now to describe what is happening in the number stories. We have continued to consolidate our recognition and sequencing of numerals to twenty. Reception have all been really keen to learn about our new 'Super Six' skills. We have met 'Itsy Bity Independent Iguana' and 'Percy Persevering Panda'. We have begun to discuss and demonstrate how we can show these skills in our own learning.



Year 1

Year 1 have been loving our theme on Space (and so have all the teachers!). This week, our main focus has been our planet project which has involved making planets using balloons and paper maché and painting them the colours of our chosen planet. We researched all the planets this week and found out some really interesting facts. Why not ask us what we have found out? We listened to a catchy song to help us remember the order of the planets from the Sun and some key facts about them too. Alongside our planet project, we wrote down adjectives to describe each planet as one of our extra challenges. We also wrote down facts about each one. We did maths sheets where we had to think about patterns and sequences and also cut out the planets to order them correctly. We read a lovely book called 'Back to Earth with a bump' and did some creative writing from this, thinking about where we would go if we were astronauts and what we might find if we went to the Moon. We matched rhyming cards from this story and made another mini book where we chose a few planets to write some facts about. In maths, we have been comparing numbers to 100 that are represented in different ways, using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. In RE, we have listened and read Bible stories. We have had a great week full of fantastic learning!



Year 2

It's been another fantastic week of learning in Year 2! This week we have come to the end of 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine.' For our final piece of writing, the children planned and created wonderful adverts for the Bathing Machines!

In Maths, we continued our 'Time' unit by refreshing ourselves with o'clock, half past and quarter to and past. **Please do look over the time packs we sent home.**

In PSHE, the children learnt the scientific names of the body parts and discussed that some of our body parts are private. We had a fantastic time learning more of the recorder on Wednesday and practised our throwing and catching skills on Tuesday. How could we forget Victorian Day! The children absolutely loved dressing up: playing the role of a Victorian child at school (handwriting, times tables, technical drawing and sewing). The afternoon was so lovely watching them enjoy Victorian school games while munching on a typical British picnic!



Year 3 In Year 3 this week, we have been inspired by our class text 'Window' to use our persuasive skills to create and deliver speeches convincing our peers that the changes in 'The Window' are either positive or negative. We showed off our persuasive skills by weaving in all the pre-taught elements including rhetorical questions, imperative verbs and exciting vocabulary. Our fractions unit in Maths is now complete; we finished with a bang and are feeling smug as we have learnt to add and subtract using fractions! Our topic of Engaging Environments has generated an exciting buzz in Year 3. In order to further investigate our understanding of consumers and producers and to gain an insight into how various elements can have an impact on the whole food web, we have been investigating food webs practically by becoming tangled up in a ball of wool out on the field! In PSHE we have been learning how to stay safe in the sun and creating posters to inform KS1 how to be 'sun smart'! Let's hope this encourages warmer weather!



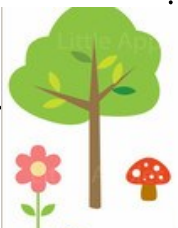
Year 4

It's been a week of new studies! We've progressed onto the next stage of our learning on decimals, focusing on adding and subtracting decimal numbers. In English, we have enjoyed the first part of a new unit on historical texts with a fun story based in Tudor times, 'A Pig Called Henry', and then our main focus for this unit, 'Romeo and Juliet'. The children have also progressed onto a new history topic about Roman Britain. We have completed our textiles work in art and the children had an opportunity to evaluate their artwork. Despite the changeable weather we did our best to get out to build on our batting and fielding skills in rounders and cricket.



Year 5

Another busy week! In Maths, we honed our skills in problem solving; specifically highlighting the important bits needed to calculate the answer in a two-step problem. We learnt that showing our workings is crucial. **Collaboration**, ensuring turn-taking was called for in solving, 'Always, Sometimes, Never' statements. Thinking of our **creativity** Super 6 learning skill, we did a long piece of writing in English, rewriting 'The Highwayman' as a story, first planning it using a story mountain template to help sort our ideas. In Our Happy Mind learning, we discovered the role cortisol plays as nature's built-in alarm system. With **organisation** and **independence** skills in mind, the children had to remember to bring an apron to school, for their clay sculpting art task. Their sculptures were fabulous.



Year 6

It has been a hive of activity in Year 6 this week, as all the children have been preparing for next week's exciting fundraising event "The Money Circus"! As always, we have been very impressed with their ideas, and they have been extremely clever to organise activities and plan things around keeping everybody Covid safe. We have also had an interesting time researching famous people in order to write a biography - some fascinating people were chosen. In PE, it was lovely to see some mini doubles games being played this week; their tennis skills have really developed over this half term. On Friday, we looked at the sugar and salt content of various snacks in Science, and considered the effects of that on the human body. Friday also saw a group of children attend an event at Brookwood Cemetery, to learn about the work that the War Graves Commission do; we are looking forward to them telling the rest of us all about it.

