



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 7th 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

Our minibeast theme continued this week with The Very Hungry Caterpillar. After reading the story, we used our sounds to write our own page of the story. The Hungry Caterpillar ate some very interesting things like socks and spider sandwiches! In Busy Bee time we followed instructions to make our own playdough. We had to use our best listening skills to make sure we knew what to do. We worked independently make a caterpillar by joining pieces of paper together using a split pin and treasury tag. Then we drew the lifecycle of a caterpillar onto the different parts. In Maths, we continue to work with the teen numbers and working out one more and one less. In our MyHappyMind session, we reread the story of Betty and Bertie's playdate and talked about how our brains helps us to learn new skills; the more we practise, the better we get at something!



Year 1

We have had another exciting week over in Year 1, full of learning all about the coldest Continent on Earth; Antarctica! We began the week watching lots of David Attenborough videos which gave us a great insight into the polar regions, their conditions and the animals which live there. We loved watching the clips and found them so interesting. We also looked into the race to the South Pole with a focus on Ernest Shackleton and Robert Falcon-Scott. We created mini fact books about these amazing Explorers using key words and picture clues to help us. As the week progressed, we continued with our learning on Antarctic animals with a focus on penguins. We sorted and named the different varieties as well as write factual sentences about them using our can, have, are structure which we used back in the lockdown—our writing is really improving now and we are becoming Year 1 superstars, for sure. As well as this, we also became artists as we learnt how to mix different tones of blue to paint the Southern Ocean and then Scientists as we learnt to perform a test for keeping warm in Antarctic conditions using different materials. In Maths this week we have continued with our developing understanding of numbers to 100 with lots of partitioning and representing amounts in different ways. In reading we have been looking at the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers which we all loved. Another jam packed yet fab week!



Year 2

What a fantastic week Year 2! The children all came back to school refreshed from the bank holiday weekend and raring to go. We continued with our story 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine' this week and took a trip to the seaside. We wrote postcards home to tell our friends and family of our astonishment when we spotted Queen Victoria swimming in the ocean. 2SC carried on their Victorian topic learning this week, looking at the artist L.S. Lowry as well as comparing Victorian homes. 2HJ consolidated their computer skills in the ICT suite, creating postcards, coding and sending emails (next week the classes will swap over!). In Maths, we left measurements behind and started looking at position and direction. We used mathematical vocabulary like clockwise, anticlockwise, half and quarter turn to describe movement. Well done Team Year 2!



Year 3 Year 3 have come back from the bank holiday weekend ready to get stuck into our exciting new topic 'Engaging Environments'. This new topic will be teaching the children all about 'Biodiversity' and 'Rewilding the World'. The children explored outside the classroom to look at artworks from different environmental artists including Andy Goldsworthy. In Maths we have continued with our unit on Fractions focusing on finding the fraction of a given amount and continuing to place fractions on a number line. In English we have started our new unit on persuasive writing focusing on the book 'Window'. It links to our new topic for this term and focuses on the changing environment that can be seen out of the main character's window! Year 3 have continued with MyHappyMind learning about how the Amygdala and Prefrontal Cortex work together and how breathing can help our Prefrontal Cortex get back in charge! It has certainly been a busy week!



Year 4

After our bank holiday we threw ourselves back into our work on decimals. Our focus has been on understanding tenths - their place in a place value table and on a number line. We have also continued our arithmetic focus, practising formal methods for the four operations. The children making good use of their times-tables home learning books are reaping the rewards in class!

We took some time to practise our 'happy breathing' this week. This was part of our weekly session from the 'My Happy Mind' scheme and the children are being introduced to variety of ways to be calm, focused and content. Our textiles work in art is coming along nicely as we have taken our designs from paper to fabric in order to portray the story of Pandora's Box. In cricket we have been working on batting and bowling skills, rotating the children so they can develop their skills and understanding of the game in a variety of positions. We also became police officers in our English unit when the children put together a police report based on the strange events of one particular Tuesday night!



Year 5

This week has been jam-packed with learning (even with a bank holiday at the start!). We began off the week by continuing our decimals topic using 100 squares and number lines to order decimals. We have found the relationship and similarities between decimals, percentages and fractions by using our knowledge throughout the topics. On Tuesday, we needed to put on our detective hats, as we had a crime to solve! Using all the evidence we had, we pieced together who was involved and what happened. This was the poem of the Highwayman. We unpicked the poem to understand each character and the actions they took. Then we explored the techniques that were used to create mood and atmosphere, including metaphors, rhythm and repetition. In RE, focusing on the Golden Rule, we looked at how different religions and ideologies have their own specific golden rules. We looked at the similarities and differences and how they were all about respecting others. Using these examples, everyone created their own Golden Rule that they want to follow. Continuing our athletics topic, we have learnt about discus and how to correctly hold and throw the discus effectively.



Year 6

In Year 6 this week, the children have been completing their versions of the end of 'Holes' using all their year 6 writing criteria. In Maths, we have been revising ratio and proportion, and solving problems involving calculating scaled proportions. Following on from our bottles of blood in Science last week, we have now been writing fact files about the blood, its function and properties, carefully researching all the information. GLB enjoyed their Music Day on Thursday; they learnt about tempo and rhythm, and the importance of working together, finally giving a rousing 'Junk Orchestra' performance as a group. Tennis Tim was also in school on Wednesday to continue our training too. Another busy week!

