



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 23rd April 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! This week we started our 'All Creatures Big and Small' topic and read the story 'Spider Sandwiches'. In our Busy Bee time we enjoyed learning about spider facts, listening to instructions to create our own spider sandwiches and using our designing and making skills to create our own spiders with wool, folded paper and a hole punch! In our maths this week we have been thinking all about numbers 11-15, recognising them and finding the correct amounts to match. We have also practised our estimation skills and use our tens frames to check our answers. Many of us have also tried our hardest to complete some special challenges and move up our new challenge board. Our challenges this week focused on practising our scissor and weaving skills to create a web, drawing and using our phonics skills to label a new meal for Max The Monster and representing the numerals 10-15 in a variety of different ways. We are proud of all our Year R learners this week. Well done!



Year 2

Year 1 have had such an exciting week! On Monday, we practised using question marks by asking questions to an explorer. We learned about how a compass works and even made our own one. We are now experts at compass points and directions! We had a great time doing PE and also recapped some maths as well as learn about what a parable is in RE. On Tuesday, it was explorer day! We all looked fantastic! We had a fun filled day of having a catwalk, discussing who we were dressed as, completing our own school expedition using our map and compass and naming as many countries as we could. We used our compass to see which countries are to the North, East, South and West of the UK. Why don't you ask us how we remember the compass points? On Wednesday, we learned about place value to 100 and then created explorer backpacks, using the conjunction 'because' to explain what we put inside. In science, we did an experiment to see which material is the best for a travelling vehicle. On Thursday, we looked at how transport has changed over time. We also sorted vehicles between land, sea and air. In Geography, we looked at the 7 continents and pieced together a world map puzzle that included the oceans and continents. Finally, we used BeeBots to travel around the world, focusing on directions and simple programming. We have had a super week of exploring and are looking forward to next week!



Year 2

It is safe to say Year 2 have jumped headfirst into learning this week following the Easter break. There was no better way to start the Summer Term off properly than with Plant Week! This week the children have widened and developed their knowledge of plants; we have looked at plants around the world, germination and discussed what happens when a plant doesn't get the conditions it needs. We grew a broad bean plant together as a whole class and even planted our own. It has been great to see how enthusiastic Year 2 have been! We also designed and made a whole class Plant magazine this week—with groups of children working on non-fiction texts, instruction pages, a front cover, contents page, games, competitions, stories and even an interview with school gardener Mrs Thompson. What an excellent start to the Summer Term, well done!



Year 3

Year Three have come back to school refreshed and ready to get our teeth into our new mini topic 'Robots', inspiring us to learn exciting science facts over the next 2 weeks. In Maths we have been inspired by our left over Easter eggs to investigate fractions! We have 'eggsplored' splitting the eggs equally into halves and quarters. We also learnt how to recognise unit and non-unit fractions and how to share both a solid object and a group of objects into tenths. We launched our exciting 'My Happy Mind' project too and we have learnt all about the following 3 areas of the brain H-A-P (Hippocampus, Amygdala & Prefrontal Cortex) and the unique roles they have. 3GC have been in the ICT Suite this week learning to create some very impressive Powerpoint Presentations all about our favourite aspect of Ancient Egypt, ready to 'present' to the rest of the class.



Year 4

The children have come back to school enthusiastic and ready to go! We have enjoyed some really cross-curricular learning this week, all linked to our topic about the Ancient Greeks. In Art, we have started to think about our final 'Talking Textile' that will depict Pandora's Box. Using a range of materials (wool, tissue paper, etc) we explored different ways of using them to create an effect (curled, fringed, etc). In History, we have been looking very closely at a variety of historical sources to see what they can teach us about warfare in Ancient Greece, particularly their tactics and the available weaponry. The children also learned about the roots of the original Olympic Games in 776BC. Inspired by Archimedes' 'Eureka!' moment, we enjoyed some rather messy investigations into displacement and measuring volume. Our English focus will shift to non-fiction writing for a short unit about report writing. We have begun with an investigation into the strange case of a town that awoke to find their streets covered with hundreds of lily pads!



Year 5

What a great start to the summer term! The children are really excited to be starting our Viking and Anglo-Saxon topic, this week we have compiled a list of questions that we would like to learn more about. Focusing on Viking longships, we have started our art topic looking at figure heads and drawing dragon's heads using shading to make them look three dimensional. We have started learning about the key structural and textual features of a non-chronological report and have been practising writing reports about modes of transportation. In maths, we have begun to look at the relationship between our previous topic of fractions and their equivalent decimals. To do this, we have used 100 squares and our knowledge of equivalent fractions to compare them. This week, we have started myHappyMind, which focuses on understanding our brains and how they work in different situations and why we react certain ways. This is to help us understand how to take care of our mental wellbeing and support others. We have learnt about the hippocampus, amygdala and the prefrontal cortex and what roles they play and how they work together.



Year 6 It was lovely to welcome the children back about all the great things they did over the holidays. This week, in Maths, we learnt how to find the mean and the range of different numbers, consolidated our understanding of graphs and charts, and also completed a brilliant area investigation. It's fair to say it definitely got a lot of the children thinking, and showed off their great team work skills. In English, the children learnt about the criminal outlaw from Holes: Kissin' Kate Barlow. To warn people of her crimes, the children wrote newspaper articles, considering using the correct language and tone for the audience. Continuing on our understanding of the human body, we began to look at the function of the lungs, learning all of the scientific vocabulary and creating a diagram to show the process of respiration. The highlight of the week was designing our shoebox discos: the design concepts are fantastic and we can't wait to see them come to life!

