



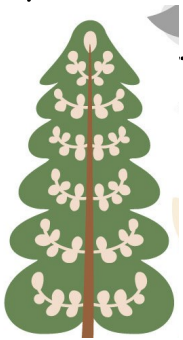
# Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 19th March 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

Throughout this week we have continued to develop our relationships with our peers, remembering to take turns and share fairly. We have seen some wonderful cooperative play in the outside construction area, taking turns on the scooters and creating wonderful recipes in the mud kitchen. In the deconstructed role-play area, we have enjoyed role-playing pirate stories, finding treasure and creating and labelling our own maps. Our fine motor skills have been tested with creating our own pasta jewellery and sparkly gem treasure sticks! In our Maths sessions we have continued to demonstrate our wonderful addition skills, using our knowledge to find pairs of numbers that total 10. We have been using a part, part, whole diagram to show our learning and have enjoyed singing our 'part, part, whole' song. During our phonics sessions we have been revisiting the digraphs and trigraphs that we have previously learnt. Using our writing skills, we have practised spelling words and beginning to form short captions. Playing squirt the digraph helped us to recall lots of them from memory!



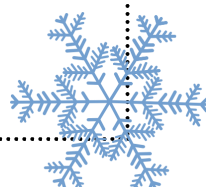
## Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this week! Our book we have been reading this week is called 'Meesha Makes Friends' and we have been doing lots of discussions and activities based around friendships and why our friends are important to us. In English, we planned a 'my friend has..., my friend is..., my friend likes...' piece of work and on Friday, we wrote it up in our best hand writing. In the Creation Station, we have been sketching self-portraits and thinking carefully about our features. In the Imagination Station, we created a recipe for the perfect 'friendship soup'; thinking about qualities and personalities and what makes someone a good friend. In the Investigation station, we gathered data by collecting information about our friends. In Finger Gym, we worked out the mystery words by playing battleships! In the Concentration station, we put ourselves in the shoes of Meesha, the girl in our story, and thought about how she is feeling throughout when she struggles to make friends but makes friends in the end. In the Construction Station, we built our own friend! We used a toilet roll to decorate using DT skills—they look fantastic! In the Exploration Station, we chose a friend in the class and labelled what makes them special and wrote about what they mean to us. We have really enjoyed this week and loved talking about friendships and what makes us special to one another.



## Year 2

After finishing off the work from remote learning last week, we jumped into lots of new units this week. In Maths the children demonstrated their understanding of multiplication and division as well as fractions at the beginning of the week, and then explored Statistics: tallies, pictograms and block diagrams. In English, the children revisited the features of a non-chronological reports, as well as complete a piece of creative writing. Throughout the afternoons, the children got to grips with the features of a minibeast and a microhabitat, to then make their own bug hotel!! They also got the chance to get musical with recorders, practise balancing in PE, learn about emergencies during PSHE and learn that the bible has lots of stories in it on Wednesday.



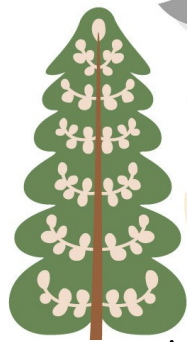
## Year 3

It has been full steam ahead for Year Three this week, as we have lots of learning to squeeze in to this very short half term! Our Beowulf English unit reached fever pitch excitement as we discovered how this legendary character met his match, in the fierce fire-breathing dragon! We were so inspired by this legend, we have become authors and planned our own gruesome, legendary tales in which a mythical beast was defeated by a brave hero! Our new unit of Length and Perimeter has kept us very busy in Maths too as we have been learning to use accuracy skills to measure various objects precisely in cms and mms. In PSHE we have been exploring why personal hygiene is fundamental to a healthy lifestyle. We read the story Whiffy Wilson and then advised Wilson the various ways he needed to keep clean in order to stay healthy and prevent himself becoming ill. We also learnt the scientific names for male and female body parts.



## Year 4

After learning about where Ancient Greece fits into the chronology of history last week, this week the class have been learning about where Greece actually is, how the boundaries of Ancient Greece were slightly different and have also plotted some of the major city-states of Ancient Greece onto a map. During our English work on 'Pandora's Box', the children used drama and hot-seating activities to understand how Pandora felt about Zeus' gift and why she chose to open the box. Our PE sessions this week have included some Ultimate Frisbee invasion games and we have also begun a unit of lessons called Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA). This involves a series of different challenges that require the children to work together in teams to solve problems and physical challenges.



## Year 5

The wonderful witches and wizards of Year 5 have continued their Harry Potter topic: making lists of potions and magical sweets with semi-colons, commas and colons; designing wands and use parenthesis to add the magical detail; and creating maps of Diagon Alley using their retrieval skills. We have been researching different apple recipes to pitch to the Year 5 Dragons, to convince them that their recipes need to be baked, quality checked and stocked on the supermarket shelves. In maths, we have continued our fractions topic: adding 3 fractions together, adding mixed numbers and using breaking the whole number when subtracting. We have linked our computing topic of movie trailers to our remote learning English book Kensuke's Kingdom. This week, we have been artists creating our props for the trailers. We have separated insoluble solids from a liquid using a variety of equipment. The children explored the best method to separate the materials, they found it quite tricky to do this when they combined grit and sand!



**Year 6** Another busy week for Year 6 this week! In Maths, the children have expanded on the basic algebra from last week, to creating different formulae and solving problems using a formula. It has really got everyone's brains engaged! In English, we have begun reading Louis Sachar's well-known novel 'Holes'. Using the information from the text, the children created maps of Camp Green Lake, and wrote vivid setting descriptions focusing on adventurous vocabulary and using prepositions. After learning about the heart, the children set up an experiment to see how their heart rate changes after different exercises, with a focus on accuracy when finding their pulse! We finished the week by recreating some artwork in the style of Salvador Dali. What a lovely week it has been! We hope everyone has a nice and restful weekend.

