



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 4th February 2021

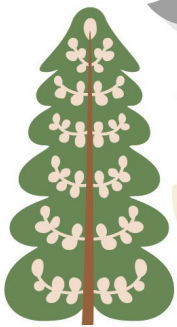
Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

This week, Reception have enjoyed the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes. The children had very different opinion on whether or not Mr. Wolf should have eaten his neighbours, but we all agreed they both should have made better choices. We have applied our phonics skills to write our own ingredients lists and ordering our own pancake recipes. We know that the children are excited to get cooking and topping their own pancakes! Throughout our Maths learning, we have been thinking about time and investigated how long it takes to complete different activities, finding out that some take longer than others. We listened to the story of Jasper's Beanstalk and ordered the days of the week. After watching Mrs Hopkins explore the school grounds, we begun thinking about different seasons, looking at changes and finding out which season our birthdays are in.



We enjoyed looking for the early signs of Spring on local walks and noticed how things were growing and changing. With this in mind, Reception have been set a challenge to grow a seed and notice the changes. The Reception children have all enjoyed a variety of teams meetings this week which may have included Show and Tell, Dough Disco and a dance party! We are very proud of our learners for everything they have achieved over this half-term. We hope everybody enjoys a well-earned rest!



Year 1

It has been another busy week in Year 1 and the children have been working on so many activities which have really pushed their independence and perseverance.

The start of the week saw us finishing our POV diaries from 1666, documenting all of the awful events of The Great Fire of London. We were so impressed with everybody's writing! Moving on, we followed a 3-part process to write an information text about firefighters, which were just as brilliant and really focused on our editing skills. As well as this we joined in with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, where we learned all about how to use the internet with the help of DigiDuck.

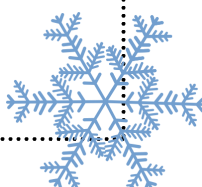
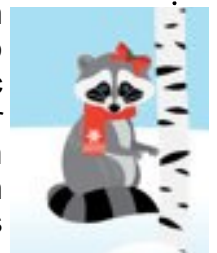
Our topic work this week has had a big geography focus where we have been exploring the UK, its countries and their capital cities. Finally, in maths, we have been finishing off our work on measures, working practically with weight and capacity. What an end to crazy term! Have a restful break Year 1!



Year 2

After talking to the children this week, it seems Feel Good Friday was just the medicine we all needed in Year 2 and the children were ready and raring to go again on Monday!

We continued looking at the story Caterpillar Shoes this week and become authors ourselves, writing our own versions about different minibeasts giving away something special to their friends. We certainly have some budding authors in Year 2; the stories were a delight to read and really showcased the fantastic writing of Year 2. We completed our maths unit of multiplication and division this week and the children have been able to apply their knowledge of times tables widely. The children got stuck in and made their very own shoebox habitats to consolidate their learning of animals. They were able to create lots of different environments that keep animals safe and allow them to grow and survive. Lastly, we finished the week positively reading the book "Super Duper You". We discovered no matter who we are or what we look like we can be anything we want to be—the sky is the limit! Enjoy the second Feel Good Friday and have a fantastic (and restful) half term!



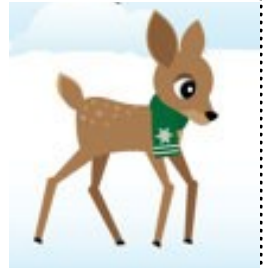
Year 3
It has been a busy week in Year 3, as we have been challenging ourselves to complete all our projects by the end of the week. The children were so inspired by Ancient Egypt, they have researched, planned and written their amazing non-chronological reports bursting with juicy, gruesome facts about mummification and fabulous Pharaohs! They have worked incredibly hard to compile these meaty reports and any museum or library would be proud to display them.

In Maths we have taken on the monumental task of exploring division both practically and pictorially and then moving on to solving division-based challenges and recording our answers. We have even dabbled in division with exchange which has involved serious amounts of concentration and perseverance.



In D.T we utilised our designs to bring our water transporting shaduf models to life and test whether these prototypes were effective. The creativity and problem-solving skills shown by the children was truly inspiring. From detailed mini Lego versions, to ginormous garden sized contraptions, we clearly have some promising engineers among us. You thoroughly deserve a restful and enjoyable half term Year Three. We are all so proud by what you have achieved, in what has been a very challenging situation.

Your resilience has shone through like sunbeams! Well done!



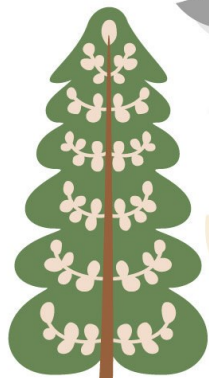
Year 4

We completed our English unit on the Impossibly Possible Bookshop and were so impressed by the quality of the writing the children produced this week. We heard a lot of their stories in our Teams meetings this morning and they were super!

The children have continued to work through the multiplication and division unit in maths. Some of the division concepts have proved tricky but there has been excellent perseverance!

This week we considered our 'rights and responsibilities' in PSHE, as well as engaging in activities to mark Safer Internet Day 2021.

It's been a long six weeks and we've missed being with the classes but have huge admiration for the way the children have met the challenge of remote leaning head-on. We are all now looking forward to a half-term break!



Year 5

It's been a fantastic week to finish this half term. Everyone has done amazingly both remote learning and in school to produce amazing piece of work. We have finished reading Kensuke's Kingdom and the children have thought carefully about the emotions the characters would have been feeling at different times throughout the story. After half term, we're going to think about some twists and turns that could have occurred!

In maths, we have finished our shape topic, looking at triangles, quadrilaterals, regular and irregular shapes and how to spot which is which, building on our understanding of angles and then going on to investigate 3-D shapes too. These have been built out of a variety of materials. Interpreting timetables, you've used après and avant to say whether activities in a school day happen before or after each other.

After creating fabulous DT structures, everyone has reflected on what went well and what could be improved. It was great to see how many people made prototypes and evaluated on the effectiveness of these before creating the final product. Tuesday was Internet Safety Day. Demonstrating how to keep safe online and what to trust, we saw a variety of sensible suggestions for how to practise this. Have a wonderful half term everyone!



Year 6

As the last week of the half term comes to an end, it's nice to reflect on the last few weeks. Although it has been a big adjustment for everyone, we're so impressed with how the children have risen to the different way of working. This week in English, the children have showed off their creativity by creating different species of unicorns and flying horses; they practised their formal writing skills by creating excellent information texts. In Maths, we have concluded our topic on ratio and proportion, with a challenging problem-solving lesson. What excellent portraits the children created! With Roy Lichtenstein as an inspiration, the children produced wonderful abstract portraits.

We were pleased to hear that the PE lesson was enjoyable; well done if you got stuck in and challenged yourself! We hope you all enjoy a well deserved break over half term!

