



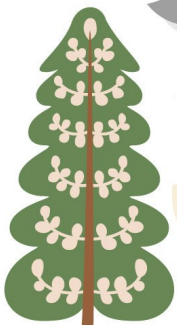
Pirbright's Learning Week

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 using the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' to extend their learning. The children had fun experimenting with different materials to create their own houses for the pigs and also testing different materials to see which the wind/wolf could blow away! After learning about different types of houses and homes, the children went on a walk in their local areas to spot them. They used their ten-frame knowledge to record how many they could find. Throughout the week, Reception learners have been using their ten frame skills to add two groups together and find a new total. Maths has also focused on finding out about pairs, with many children finding lots of natural pairs in their gardens and at the park. Some children enjoyed the opportunity to learn about fiction and non-fiction texts and used books and the internet to find out some very interesting facts about pigs! All the Reception learners continue to 'WOW' us with their phonics skills. We have all enjoyed another week of digraph, blending and segmenting fun. Keep it up reception- we are so very proud of you!



Year 1

It has been another burning hot week as we have been continuing with our learning about The Great Fire of London. We have used our senses to aid some fabulous writing, explored the diary of Samuel Pepys, looked closer at our capital city of London and compared firefighting in 1666 and 2021. As well as all this, we have been putting our reading skills to the test by skimming and scanning texts about the Great Fire to find key information and answer comprehension questions. Our phonics learning continued this week with a focus on those tricky alternative pronunciations - we were fabulous and not phases by them at all! In maths we have continued with our measurement topic, thinking about comparing length and weight. A definite highlight of our week was the amazing baking we did; inspired by the bakery on Pudding Lane - Delicious!



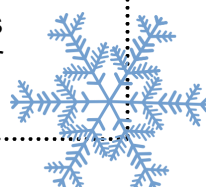
Year 2

Having finished our learning around dinosaurs and Mary Anning on Friday, we started to focus on animals this week. In English, the children watched the clip: 'Caterpillar Shoes', to sequence the story, write a character description using verbs and adverbs and design a shoe for a minibeast. It was so lovely to hear how much everyone enjoyed the clip and how they may have watched it over and over again...apologises mums and dads!

In Topic this week, the children put on their Science caps to explore vertebrates and invertebrates. It was great to hear that there was lots of scientific conversations going on at home during the experiment with animal sculptures on Monday.

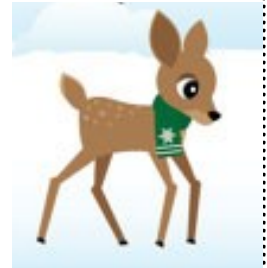


Having explored strategies for Multiplication for the last two weeks, the children started to learn sharing and grouping strategies for division. The children were asked to either draw or physically share and groups objects to solve the problems. Thank you to everyone who participated in the whole class Teams Meetings on Thursday. We really enjoyed hearing your X-Factor sentences and seeing as many of you together as possible.



Year 3

Another busy week of learning in Year 3! In English we have been delving into our new unit, Non-Chronological Reports. We have used our research and questioning skills to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians. This information has then been used to plan some fabulous reports which the Y3 teachers can't wait to read next week! In Maths we have continued our work on multiplication, focusing on related facts and multiplying 2 digits by a 1 digit number. It was exciting to learn all about "shadufs" in our Topic lessons this week and how they were used in Ancient Egypt to transport water! The children have been busy using their DT skills to design their own model shadufs ready to make next week.

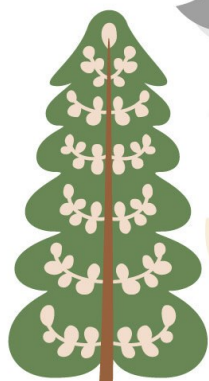


Year 4

The children have been enjoying their goblin work in our English unit: The Impossibly Possible Bookshop. They have created goblin habitats, written menus, designed recipes and some have even baked 'goblin-inspired' cakes! We were also very impressed with their poems. The maths has moved on from pictorial methods of multiplication to formal methods and many of the children have made a successful transition between the strategies.

It has been lovely to read the prayers or the motivational statements that the children have written in our R.E. sessions this week. We enjoyed seeing so many of the class in our 'Story Time' sessions and also today at our weekly online catch-up.

We are sure that the children will enjoy the variety of activities on offer on Friday and will look forward to hearing all about them next week.



Year 5

Another fabulous week of learning. We have started a new topic in maths, investigating different types of angles and then finding out about different angles on a straight line and around a point. There has been some great problem solving occurring to find this out.

We've been blown away by some setting descriptions in English, imagining we're somewhere completely new, just like Michael from Kensuke's Kingdom. The children used a range of techniques to transport us to another place including metaphors, similes, short sentences, repetition and the five senses. This week, we've also been improving our skills at using 'show don't tell' in our writing to portray a character's feelings.

A myriad of structures have been created in DT, for a range of purposes, using a variety of methods to reinforce them. Continuing to expand our French, we have practised saying quarter to and quarter past when telling the time. Looking at habitats, this week the children finished turning them into museum exhibits, including models of their habitats and creating information signs to give us lots of facts. I have learnt so much this week about a variety of habitats and the animals that are found there.



Year 6

It's been another great week of learning for Year 6; the children seem to have really upped their game, and we have been so impressed with the quality of work this week. In English, the focus has been on mysterious and magical doors. Starting off with poetry, and considering all of the simple pleasures in life that we find ourselves missing at the moment, the children wrote some beautiful poetry about what could be hidden behind a magical door. Their portal story plans look excellent, and we enjoyed discussing these with the children in the Teams meeting. In Maths, the children have started a new topic: ratio and proportion. In Science, the children had an exploratory lesson on optical illusions; we really enjoyed seeing all of their own creations! We hope that everyone makes the most of 'Feel Good Friday'! It's a chance to switch off, step away from the screens and make mental wellbeing a priority. We hope you enjoy all of the fantastic activities that have been planned!

