



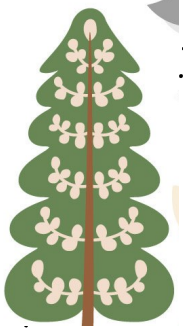
Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 8th January 2020

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 we have started learning about the traditional tale 'Jack and The Beanstalk'. The children have enjoyed listening to the story, retelling it by sequencing pictures, making their own stick puppets and creating fantastic collages. There have been some very impressive, beautiful and long bean stalks!!! Our maths sessions have helped us to practise accurate counting and lots of us enjoyed matching our numbers to the magic beans. We have also practised our accurate measuring skills, used the correct words to describe how long, short or tall an object is and proved we knew why something was longest or shortest. Our topic learning has led us to find out lots of new information about castles. We have learnt some new vocabulary about castle features and have used this knowledge to design and make our own castles. Miss Durdle, Miss Cass and Mrs Hopkins have continued to be impressed with how well the children have engaged with their phonics activities, practising their blending and segmenting skills through a variety of fun activities such as Hunt The Word, Boo Flashcards, spelling snowflakes, boardgames and Bingo!



Year 1

It has been a busy week for Year 1 with lots of fun and exciting learning. We have been so impressed with the level of engagement and fabulous work you have been doing both at home and in school - you all deserve a huge pat on the back for week 2 of lockdown! In maths this week, we have been consolidating our understanding of numbers to 20 using lots a great comparative vocabulary as well as applying our knowledge to number lines and calculations. We have been putting our reading and writing to the test with lots of practice of tricky words, split e phonics sounds and suffixes. Our writing has been fabulous this week too with some wonderful word banks and setting descriptions about a beautiful starry sky! We have really enjoyed continuing our learning about the video 'The Way Back Home' and have drawn our own aliens using a range of materials and even justified our own rocket designs based on the materials they should be made of.

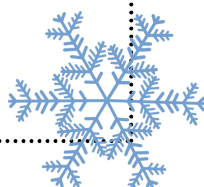
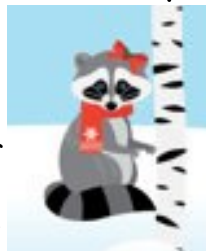


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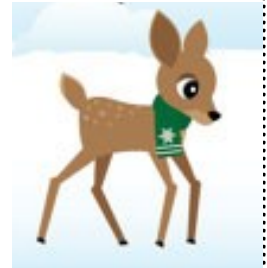
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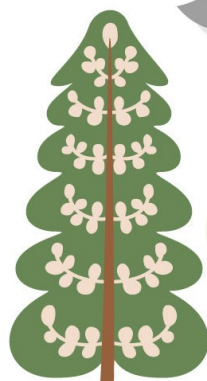
Year 3

It has been a hive of activity in Year 3 this week, as we have been aiming to complete 'sky high' challenges, continuing our learning based around 'A Cloudy Lesson'. The children were so inspired by 'A Cloudy Lesson', they planned and wrote their own unique weather-themed stories, which involved rainbow-making machines, storm brewers and tornado tools among others! Influenced by various shaped clouds, we have been exploring both 2D and 3D shape in maths. We have been practising our technical drawing skills and with the aid of a mirror, we have learnt how to find lines of symmetry in 2D shapes too, which inspired us to observe all the wonderful symmetry in nature around us. To get our creative juices flowing, we have been busy bees designing and creating cloud mobiles, informed by our scientific cloud fact research projects that we produced last week. It is fair to say, that the children have created masterpieces that are not only visually stunning but also clearly demonstrate their superior cloud scientific discoveries. You aimed for the clouds and reached the stars this week Year 3 and we are all super proud of our learning superstars!



Year 4

At the end of our first full week of remote-learning, we would like to reiterate how impressed we have been by the children's incredibly positive attitude towards their own learning. The standard of work completed by both those in school and those at home has been really high, ensuring that the children are able to maintain the critical learning skills that they have worked so hard to develop. Particular credit and thanks are due to those parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings!) who have done so much to support the children who are learning at home – thank you! This week, we have continued our Maths topic on statistics, moving on from bar charts and pictograms to line graphs and time graphs. In English, we have delved further into the story of Lila, the *Firework Maker's Daughter*. At the start of the week, the children were developing their understanding of written dialogue, punctuating increasingly complex conversations between the characters. At the end of the week, the focus was on their use of senses and adventurous vocabulary in composing vivid descriptions of Mount Merapi. Finally, we squeezed a whole DT topic – 'Potatoes' – into a single week! The children learnt about the main varieties, cultivation techniques and the myriad ways that they can be prepared; the resulting range of dishes looked delicious!



Year 5

This week, the children finished their own versions of the short film *Treasure*. They followed a plan to have five paragraphs, each with a specific purpose. We have read so many different character ideas and variations on where they thought this story occurred, with great setting descriptions using pathetic fallacy to set the mood and effective vocabulary to really be able to imagine this. In maths, we have finished looking at addition and subtraction, making sure that we can check our own learning using the inverse operation and using our skills to solve problems. In DT, we have started to look at different structures, exploring our local environments to see what makes structures strong. We will use this knowledge across this half term. Creative juices have been flowing and we have seen versions of Monet, Mondrian, Banksy and Warhol to name just a few as children found out about artists, who inspire them as they created their own landscapes in their style. Looking at different habitats, children researched one of their choosing, finding out what makes that area different to others and who lives where and how. Start collecting bits of recycling to make a habitat museum exhibit next week.



Year 6

As we have come to the end of week two of remote learning, we are still so impressed with the efforts by everyone. Although it is not ideal, the independence shown has been fantastic, alongside the perseverance and resilience to edit and improve work once it is finished. This week our focus has been mainly on 'Measure' for Maths. The children have shown excellent fluency when converting between different units of measure, and even tackled some extremely difficult problems! Continuing our 'Wonderful Woking' topic, the children used their historical skills to interpret different sources and answer questions based on the railway. Well done everyone; we hope you all have a lovely restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing some more fantastic learning next week!

