



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 20th November 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 had a special visitor in our classes. We were introduced to our Kindness Elf who is looking for ideas about how we can be kind to each other and pay each other compliments which makes us happy at school and at home. We have been busy writers, writing letters, notes and drawing pictures for each other.



Our maths learning has focused upon the number five, identifying it and representing it in different ways. In P.E with Miss Jackson we enjoyed playing football and tennis using large and small balls, using our muscles and improving our coordination. We now each have our own play dough pot and have begun taking part in dough disco each day, strengthening our fingers on each hand as we use them to manipulate the dough to music. In phonics we have been practicing our letter sounds and are becoming experts at blending and reading them in CVC words, thinking about which words are real and which are not!

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this week! We looked at music and why we find it entertaining. We looked at different instruments and listened to the way they sound. We started reading our new topic book called 'Patrick' and spoke about how it is similar to 'The Fabulous Foskett Family Circus'. They are illustrated by the same illustrator, Quentin Blake! Our new book is all about a magic violin, so this week we focused on music. In English, we read the story and then sequenced the events within 'Patrick', and we also wrote sentences about the story and improved them with the word 'and'. We used some adjectives as there is so much to describe in the story! In maths this week, we have focused on finding and comparing number bonds to 10. We have had lots of fun with our rainbow challenges this week. We have been busy making our own violins using coloured paper, string and decorations and we have created our own magical music story. We have also been busy with investigating the different ways instruments sound using words such as 'pitch'. In the construction area, we have made our own instruments and have practised our number bonds practically in the finger gym and exploration area. We've had another fantastic week!



Year 2

With all the excitement of Brazil Day last Friday the children in 2HJ were very excited to learn more. Throughout the week they learnt about the different animals in the Amazon rainforest to create a poem; looked at all the landmarks and celebrations in Rio to complete poster persuading people to travel there; compared their school life to ours and finally created their own art inspired by artist Romero Britto. Phew! In 2SC, the children have had the ICT suite all to themselves this week. They started off by learning how technology has changed dramatically over time. Then they learnt how to use Word and the Internet to complete a poster on Brazil. They also heard from Smartie the Penguin who reminded everyone how to stay safe online. The classes will swap next week and it will be 2HJ's turn in the ICT suite and 2SC's turn to learn all about Brazil.



Year 3

This week our Clubs and Cavemen topic has become even more exciting, as we have begun exploring 'The Bronze Age. We focused on the changes that occurred after the Stone Age including mining for copper and tin, housing design and how the invention of 'the loom' brought huge changes to clothing and textiles.

We planned and wrote a diary from the perspective of a Bronze Age child, incorporating what we discovered. We are thoroughly enjoying reading Stig of the Dump in English; this week we wrote letters from Barney to Stig and focused on how to use inverted commas and reported clauses correctly. In Maths we

have practised using the column method to solve various addition and subtraction challenges involving 3 digit numbers including how we 'exchange' from another column. What a busy week!



Year 4

It's been a busy week with the classes completing their poetry unit and moving onto 'Contrasting Stories' as our area of focus. This gives the children a chance to enjoy some classic Enid Blyton writing in 'The Adventures of the Wishing Chair' and Rupert Kingfisher's 'Madame Pamplemousse and her Incredible Edibles'. They are exploring the contrasting ways that the authors manage the plots and the development of characters in these novels. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division with times-tables high on our agenda! In Science, we completed the planning of fair tests into melting chocolate and will have fun carrying out the investigations! In Art, we have been developing our sketching skills with a focus on shading techniques. Our guided reading text—The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe—is reaching an exciting stage as the children meet the mighty Aslan and do their best to avoid the White Witch.



Year 5

We have taken all of the information we have gathered about Pandora and written our own stories, imagining we have got the jobs we advertised last week. They involve suspense, dialogue, description and an understanding of how to use paragraphs. Continuing on from last week, we have looked at how to multiply three by two digit numbers. Everyone has persevered in order to understand how to use the formal written method. As Christmas approaches, in RE we have been looking at how Christians use light as a symbol at Christmas and looked at the symbolism used in famous paintings too. We are going to be using animation to retell the Nativity story and this week the children made their backdrops and props in preparation.



Year 6

This week in Year 6 the children have been working hard at finding the area of different shapes: rectangles, compound shapes, triangles and parallelograms. In English this week, the focus has been on characterisation of characters. We have looked at different techniques authors use to create engaging and likeable characters, with a particular focus on dialogue. After reading the start of the chapter of 'Letters from the Lighthouse', the children wrote what might happen next, whilst focusing on developing Olive and Cliff's characters. We enjoyed a lovely Wednesday afternoon netball lesson; the foot-work and passing is really improving! Starting our light topic in Science, the children investigated using a light source to bend light and create shadows, using diagrams and observations to question how light works.

