



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 13th 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

All the Reception Learners have had a busy week! In phonics this week the children have been learning the sounds i n m and d and the tricky words "I" and "the".

We have been working on forming our letters in the environment.



We have been busy bees in our Maths sessions and have been learning to subitise amounts to five and finding one more and one less of a group of objects to five. We are getting quicker at identifying the collections, saying what we see and explaining how we know. Another Understanding of the World focus this week has been Remembrance Day. We talked about what Remembrance Day means, who are the special people who helped us and why poppies are worn. We are very proud of how respectful the children were at our remembrance assembly.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this week! We have started reading our new topic book called 'The Fabulous Foskett Family Circus' and have been learning about and practising different circus skills. In English, we have been focusing on using '-ing' words in our sentences and writing a list for our perfect circus! In PE, we continued with our circus skills and in maths, we have learned about 3D shapes. In art, we have been decorating some circus bunting to display around the classroom. We made sure they were as colourful and neat as possible. We used different materials on our designs such as crayons, coloured pencils, chalk and paint. We also learned about the famous artist Quentin Blake and tried to draw like his illustrations. It was very fun as his drawings and paintings are very unique! On Wednesday, we learned a little bit about Remembrance Day and what it symbolises. We made some poppies and were silent for two minutes at 11am to show our respect. We have also been busy this week with our Rainbow Challenges! In our creation station, we created our own 3D big top circus tent; in our imagination station we put on a circus show; in our investigation station we practised circus skills, in our finger gym we designed some circus poses out of loose parts and in our concentration station, we labelled pictures from our new topic book. We have had a great week of learning!



Year 2

This week has been jammed packed of Kenyan fun. In English this week, the children have continued to explore a short clip from the Lion King to complete some shared and own independent writing. We were super impressed with the stamina and use of expanded nouns phrases. On Tuesday, we looked at the 5 top African dances. We were in fits of laughter watching each other jump as high as we could! Throughout the week, we have explored, designed and made African masks. The children used their layers, textures and bright colours to turn their designs into 3D models. In Maths, we used our knowledge of column addition to learn how to do column subtraction, and finally, we took the time to remember the fallen as a class to make our own poppies and with Mr Dutton during his whole school assembly on Wednesday.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have been enjoying finding out more about Stig from 'Stig of the Dump' and have been retrieving information from the text to help them express thoughts and opinions about the characters and events in the tale. They have also been thinking about looking at these events from the differing points of view of the characters within the text and writing a diary entry. In Maths the children have been extending their skills in addition and subtraction of multiples of 10 and 100. They have been thinking about how to use exchanging strategies and recording their working out in different ways to help them check their answers. We commemorated Remembrance Day this week in a different way to previous years. The children shared their understanding of what the Remembrance Poppy means to them and produced some poetry and artwork to help them commemorate the occasion. We also talked about the importance of commemorating together as a school. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

It has certainly been another busy week in Year 4, starting new topics in several different subjects! In English we have been reading and listening to rhyming poetry, exploring features such as rhyming couplets and the use of imagery. During one lesson the children performed a poem of their choice with added emphasis and actions (their rapping was definitely a highlight!). Having finished our work on addition and subtraction for now, we have begun a short topic in Maths, looking at how to measure length and the perimeter of different shapes. In Science, we got stuck into the differences between solids and liquids. The children were asked to group different items and then explore statements to decide whether they were true, sometimes true or false: *Can solids be poured?* Finally, in Geography, the children learned about the way different types of mountains were originally formed.



Year 5

We have hit the ground running this week introducing our new English topic: the moon Pandora from the film *Avatar*. We have watched a short documentary about this amazing moon and have written non-chronological reports about it. In maths, we have continued our statistics topic and learnt about tables (2 way tables and timetables). We have discussed the importance of these and how we use them in our day-to-day lives. In Design and Technology, we have been investigating gears and exploring how they work and what size gears to use in our space buggies.



Wednesday was a day to remember those who have fought for our country, we discussed the meaning of heroes and created art to celebrate and remember them.

Year 6

In English this week, the children have been conducting some research into lighthouses; they have written some fantastic non-chronological reports detailing their history, how they work, and some famous examples around the world. Focusing on their presentation skills, the children presented their findings to the class. All of this information will be vital when we design and build lighthouses, using our Scientific knowledge about electricity. In Maths, the children have worked extremely hard with arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving; we are very proud of them all! In RE, we looked at the seven wonders of the world, debating how they got there, and how it makes us feel. The highlight of our week was a beautiful reflection on remembrance; some of the children were lucky enough to lay the wreath at the cemetery.

