

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about owls this week and nocturnal animals. They have also been understanding how shadows work and had a go at completing their own shadow puppet show. In maths they have learnt how to use a part-whole model to understand the composition of numbers 4 and 5.

Year 1 have been comparing 'Little Red Riding Hood' with another version called 'Little Red and the very Hungry Lion' in english, the children will be innovating their story at the end of this week. In maths we have been learning to recognise and sort 3D shapes. In computing the children have made fantastic progress over this half term with developing their digital painting skills. This week they have created pictures in the style of Kandinsky by drawing/designing circle shapes and filling them in with different colours.

Year 2 and 3 have continued to monitor the volcano in Iceland and have been writing their own newspaper reports about this. In maths, year 2 are coming to the end of their addition and subtraction unit and will be moving on to 2d and 3d shape while year 3 are moving onto multiplication and division. The children have begun their own art pieces inspired by the artist Lois Mailou Jones which promise to be some very colourful pieces! In science the children were excited to use torches to look at the effect of shadows depending on how close the light source is.

Year 4 been very busy this week. They have been continuing their learning on multiplication in maths. In English, they have been looking at the story of Jack and the Baked Bean stalk and starting to plan a letter using this. They have worked hard in PSHE— they have learnt how they need to stay safe online and what they need to do if they think someone is being bullied. In geography, they have continued their learning of 4 figure grid references before moving to 6 figure.

Year 5 have been working on their adventure story writing skills using the music video Titanium to inspire them. They have completed their swimming lessons this week. They have behaved fantastically and worked hard at developing their skills. In PSHE, they have been looking at the question, 'Does money matter?'

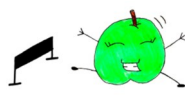
Year 6 have started a new topic in french this week; they've begun to talk about their morning routine. In maths, the children are continuing to convert metric measures. In english we have read some outstanding writing linking our topic of WW2 to the 5 senses (touch, sight, hearing, taste and smell). We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Year 6 Exhibition next Wednesday, 11th December at 2pm.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
185



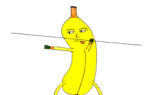
**Amazing
Apples**
166



**Super
Strawberries**
145



**Brilliant
Bananas**
124



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points again last week!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Wednesday 22nd January

Monday 10th—Friday 14th February

— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)

— Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

— Year 6 Exhibition—2.00-3.00pm

— Year 5 Trip

— FS Nativity Performance

— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service

— Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service

— Year 2 Nativity Performance 2-3pm **More details to follow**

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— **End of Term—1.15pm**

— **Inset Day**

— **Start of Term**

— Year 1 Trip

— Woodpeckers Class Assembly

— Year 6 Bikeability **NEW**