



## Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Italy after their exciting airport experience last week. They have been learning about Italian food and really enjoyed making pizza today. Tomorrow, we will be writing instructions on how we made the pizza. We also used making pizza to make links to how different materials change.

Year 1 have started their new topic about Victorians with a fun hook up history lesson where they made a spinning top and played Victorian games like a tug of war and a leapfrog. They also had a go at skipping. In English the children looked at some Victorian artefacts (5 mystery objects) and tried to guess what they were. They will be writing a non-chronological report about these objects. In maths they started a unit on place value to 20. In science we went on a 'material hunt' around the school, to see which materials objects around us are made from.

Year 2 and 3 children have been enjoying their new topic The Rainforest. They have been using the book *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry as a platform to their learning in English and looking at the different forms of sentences eg. statements, questions, exclamations and commands and which punctuation to use. In maths year 3 are continuing multiplication and division whilst Year 2 have begun their unit about money. In science we dissected a tulip looking closely at the parts of a flower. To begin our rainforest topic we looked at the location of rainforests around the world and the features of the different rainforest layers and the animals that live within them.

Year 4 have been busy working on their English writing. They have been focusing on using lots of different skills such as prepositions, fronted adverbials, commas in a list, apostrophes and subordinating conjunctions. We have been reading our new text *Anglo Saxon Boy* and have been enjoying learning about the Anglo Saxons in our history lessons. We have created artist studies and researched our new artist 'Patrick Hughes' to then evaluate his artwork before learning monochromatic skills to replicate some of his work.

Year 5 have been working hard at learning how to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and short division. In Art, they have started to look at Riverscapes and art by local artist Richard Picton. Finally, they have started to develop their knowledge of rivers, our topic for the term.

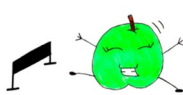
Year 6 have been immersing themselves in a novel called, 'The Lost Thing'. They are concentrating on using subordinating conjunctions and figurative language to improve their description writing. In maths, we are beginning our unit on ratio, so please feel free to divide grapes and crisps into groups. Maybe one group could have twice the amount?... Yum! In geography, we will start learning about greenhouse gases and our carbon footprint. In PE we will be doing hockey on Mondays and dance on Fridays.

## House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
186



**Amazing  
Apples**  
122



**Super  
Strawberries**  
133



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
105



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

## Dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th January	— Census Day—Fish & Chip Day
Wednesday 22nd January	— Year 1 Trip
	— Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Monday 3rd February— Friday 7th February	— Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th February	— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45-10.30am <b>NEW</b>
Monday 10th—Friday 14th February	— Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 11th February	— Safer Internet Day
<b>Monday 17th—Friday 21st February</b>	— <b>Half Term</b>
Monday 24th—Friday 28th February	— Year 6 Mock SATS <b>NEW</b>
Wednesday 12th March	— Kites Class Assembly <b>NEW</b>
Friday 21st March	— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45-10.30am <b>NEW</b>
Monday 24th March	— Parents Evening (In Person) - 3.30-6.00pm <b>NEW—DETAILS TO FOLLOW</b>
Wednesday 26th March	— Parents Evening (In Person) - 3.30-6.00pm <b>NEW—DETAILS TO FOLLOW</b>
Wednesday 2nd April	— Foxes Class Assembly <b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	— <b>End of Term—1.15pm</b>