

Over the last week at Beechwood, and looking forward.....

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about Pakistan this week, they all had a wonderful time learning some Bhangra dancing on Monday and today have started to create some beautiful truck art. In Maths we have started to learn the number 6, representing this number on ten frames.

Year 1— In Maths we are about to finish our unit on Place Value within 20. During computing children used different commands to create a sequence for their robot. In PE children practised different throws when controlling a ball and in yoga they developed balance while holding poses. In Science we learnt an interesting fact - did you know that astronauts wear nappies? Based on this information we did an experiment for the best absorbent material.

Year 2— In English the children have chosen their own animal for a fact file and have been researching interesting facts about them. In Maths we continued our unit on money, making the same amount using different coins and have started calculating with money. In History the children had fun writing about an explorer in 'fortune tellers' and used these to share facts with their friends. In Science we learnt about how long humans could survive without food, water or air and how certain animals had made adaptations to live in conditions where these might be scarce.

Year 3— This week in Year 3, the children have been creating bee conservation posters in Geography, which will be displayed in our hallway, focusing on ways to save and encourage bees at Beechwood. In English, we have been developing persuasive writing skills by exploring questions, statements, commands and exclamation sentences in preparation for writing a persuasive letter from Tarzan about rainforest destruction. In Maths, the children have been working on flexible partitioning of numbers to support division. They have also enjoyed using the mats in Gymnastics while learning stretches and movements, and in Art they have been sketching animal prints, focusing on tone and texture.

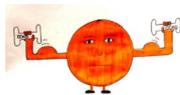
Year 4— Year 4 have been enjoying learning all about how Samba music is created. They have been exploring repeated rhythms and creating patterns using drums and tambourines. They have been experimenting in Science and have successfully created homemade ice-cream by turning milk from a liquid into a solid.

Year 5— Year 5 are busy diving into Fractions this week and have been consolidating their learning using chocolate! We are going to be Fraction Experts after this unit! We have started our new unit based on the book 'River Boy' in English and Reading. We are exploring using tension in our writing this week. We are also continuing our Science lessons by investigating thermal insulation. The children had great fun investigating different materials to find out which was the best insulator!

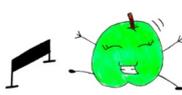
Year 6— This week Year 6 have been learning about persuasion in English - we have looked at fact and opinion and how to persuade by backing up opinions with facts. In Maths, Mr Hamilton's class have been learning algebra - substitution and form expressions. Miss Hill's class have been learning how to round decimals. We are continuing our work on evolution and survival of the fittest and looked at how plants have adapted to survive in their environments. Geography continues to look at the environment and global warming - we answered the question 'How plastics affect the environment.'

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
119



Amazing Apples
168



Super Strawberries
127



Brilliant Bananas
159



Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

The internet is fun — but staying safe comes first! Here are three simple rules:

- Keep private info private—No full name, address or passwords to people you don't know.
- Only chat with people you actually know—If someone you don't know sends a message, tell a grown-up.
- If anything worries you online — tell a trusted adult right away.

Watch this video for some handy hints: https://youtu.be/-aWLN5FM_lw

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 4th February — Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm
- Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th February — Bikeability for Year 6
- 16th February—20th February — Half Term**
- Thursday 26th February — Year 2 and Year 3 Trip—More information to follow **(NEW)**
- Wednesday 11th March — Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm
- Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th March — Parents Consultations—More information to follow **(NEW)**
- Tuesday 24th March — Easter Service. Year 3 — Year 6. 1.30pm
- Wednesday 25th March — Falcons Class Assembly — 2.30pm
- Thursday 26th March — Rocksteady Concert — 9.30am