

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies had a very exciting day yesterday with our 'Airport Day', we made passports, got them stamped, went through security and boarded the plane. Whilst on the plane we had an inflight show whilst having snacks and drinks, then we finally landed in Italy! We can't wait to explore more about Italy over the next couple of weeks. In PE this half term we are learning dance, we had a great lesson this week where we moved like different modes of transport, over the coming weeks we will be learning different styles of dance traditional to the different countries we will be exploring.

Year 1— In Science we went on a 'material hunt' around the school, to see what materials are objects around us made from. In Maths we learnt how to represent numbers 11-13 using dienes and tens frames. The children enjoyed our first 'Superheroes' music lesson where they composed and performed a sequence of sounds to create descriptive music.

Year 2— In English this week we have looked at the features of a fact file and over the next few weeks we will be developing our skills to independently write our own animal fact file. In Maths we have learned about symmetry and investigated which 2D shapes have horizontal or vertical lines of symmetry. In Science we compared lifecycles of frogs, butterflies and humans and in History we learned why people choose to become explorers and created maps of an island we might explore! Next week we will be learning about the properties of 3D shapes, the basic needs of animals for survival and how explorations have changed over time.

Year 3— Year 3 have been busy learning across the curriculum. In Geography, we have been exploring the importance of bees and learning about the different species found in the UK. In English, we are studying information texts and their key features as we prepare to write our own texts about rainforests. In PSHE, we are discussing dreams and goals, and learning how challenges can be overcome by different people. In Science, we will be dissecting and exploring the different parts of a plant. In PE, we are developing our skills in netball and gymnastics.

Year 4— Year 4 have been doing some tricky work this week in Maths, looking at related multiplication and division facts. In English, we have started to write the beginning of an adventure story set in Anglo-Saxon times and thinking about how we can make our stories tense and suspenseful. In History, we are looking at how the Anglo-Saxons came to settle in England.

Year 5— Year 5 have been enjoying multiplication in maths and will be moving onto fractions next week. They have worked incredibly hard! We have started our new topic of Rivers in Geography. This will be intertwined with many of our other subjects so our knowledge will be rich!

Year 6— Year 6 have been working hard in English on writing instructions about how to look after a lost thing. In maths, Mr Hamilton's group have been looking at ratio and scale drawing while Miss Hill's group have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions. In science, we have been looking at Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution through natural selection.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
91



**Amazing
Apples**
107



**Super
Strawberries**
99



**Brilliant
Bananas**
113



Congratulations to the Brilliant Bananas who are this weeks leaders!

Welcome to our Online Safety Information Zone.

TikTok can be fun, but it isn't designed for primary-aged children. The legal minimum age is 13.

Please check age settings, keep accounts private, enable parental controls, and talk about online safety. Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if anything makes them uncomfortable. Working together helps keep children safe online.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st January — Eagles Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Wednesday 4th February — Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm
Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th February — Bikeability for Year 6

16th February—20th February — Half Term

Wednesday 11th March — Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm
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

Friday 27th March — End of Term — 1.15pm