

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about Kenya this week, they have learnt about the climate as well as the animals comparing with the climate and animals of the UK. In Drawing Club, we have been using the story 'Handa's Surprise', drawing and writing about the setting. We have also used Handa's Surprise in Maths finding one less of numbers to 7.

Year 1— In English we have been learning facts about Queen Victoria so we can write fact files. In Maths we have been doing revision and assessment on place value to 20. In History the children compared schools in Victorian times with schools in modern days, and in Science we learnt about another 2 material properties - transparent and opaque.

Year 2— In Year 2 the children completed their animal fact files and shared these with the children in Butterflies. In Maths we have continued our unit on money, adding amounts and finding change. In Science children learned how humans can stay healthy in Science and drew a healthy meal using choices from different food groups and in History we continued to look at changes in exploration over time.

Year 3— In Year 3, we were very excited to receive an official reply to our letters from the Town Mayor of Woodley. The children wrote letters to the Mayor as part of our Geography unit highlighting the importance of bee conservation and how we can continue to encourage bees in our area. The children have been quite passionate in this unit highlighting the struggles that bees go through to pollinate flowers. We are very excited to share this letter with Beechwood and welcome Cllr David Bragg back to our school for a visit.

Year 4— In Year 4 this week, we have been calculating the perimeter of shapes. Next week, we will be using diagrams to identify how many equal parts a shape has been split into and thinking about how many more parts are needed to make the whole. In English, we continue our learning about newspaper reports. In Art, we are learning new drawing techniques and taking inspiration from the work of Patrick Hughes to create our own pencil drawings.

Year 5— Year 5 have been continuing their suspense story writing in English. During Science the children looked at different materials and explored which ones dissolved and which didn't. In dance, the children have continued to learn the hand jive and other aspects of rock and roll dance. In maths, we have been learning about fractions of a quantity.

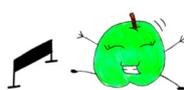
Year 6— Over the past week we have been learning about persuasion and have started to write letters to Keir Starmer titled - Save Our Oceans. In PE we are continuing to practice basketball and volleyball - playing matches within our classes whilst learning the rules of travelling and double dribble. Within computing lessons we have been learning how to program Micro:Bits and this week have created step counters to count how many steps we have walked.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
114



Amazing Apples
163



Super Strawberries
116



Brilliant Bananas
106



Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

What is a digital footprint and why should you care?

Every click, post and comment leaves a digital footprint. This is the trail of information we create online. Understanding it helps children stay safe, kind and responsible. Learn why managing privacy, passwords and online behaviour matters, and how families can support positive digital habits at home, now and in future. Watch the video [HERE](#) to learn more.



Dates for your diary:

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| Monday 9th February | — Bikeability for Year 4 — Level 1 (NEW) |
| Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February | — Bikeability for Year 6 — Learn to Ride, Level 1 and Level 2 (NEW) |
| Thursday 12th February | — Bikeability for Years 4 and 5— Learn to Ride (NEW) |
| 16th February—20th February | — Half Term |
| Thursday 26th February | — Year 2 and Year 3 Trip |
| Wednesday 4th March | — Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm (RESCHEDULED DATE—NEW) |
| Wednesday 11th March | — Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm |
| Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th March | — Parents Consultations—More information to follow |
| Tuesday 24th March | — Easter Service. Year 3 — Year 6. 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 25th March | — Falcons Class Assembly — 2.30pm |