



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

Butterflies have continued learning about Pirates. They have enjoyed making colourful feathered paper plate parrots. They have designed and constructed their own pirate ships and explored which materials are best used to help their boat float . During math's sessions they have explored composition of numbers from 10 and beyond and during literacy they have mapped the story of "How I became a pirate" .

Year 1 have loved starting their topic of Around the World in 80 days. So far they have taken the Eurostar to France and have visited lots of famous landmarks in Paris. This week they are in China. They can't wait to explore more! In science they have planted their own seeds and are excited to watch their plants grow over the next few weeks.

Year 2 are hard at work writing a brilliant story about a Kiss that Missed. In Maths, we are measuring, ordering and comparing objects according to their length. In Topic, we are studying castles and looking at why they were necessary and how they are built. In Science, we have started our investigation of seeds.

Year 3 have been really enjoying their new Ancient Greece topic. In English, they have been learning the story of Theseus and The Minotaur while working on our descriptive writing skills. While in History, they have been using historical resources such as pots to find out about the Ancient Greek Olympics. Chariot racing looks like lots of fun!

Year 4: In Maths, children have started learning about decimals and dividing 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10. Last week in English, they started looking at suspense writing and focused on showing the reader how the main character feels. This week they have begun to retell a story, using actions to help them. In Science, they are learning about digestion and have looked at the different types of teeth and their purpose. They have started their Anglo-Saxon unit in Topic, identifying who the Anglo-Saxons were and where they came from.

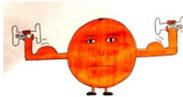
Year 5: the children have been learning a range of different sentence structures to include in the portal stories they started to plan last week. They have just started to write their stories and we can't wait to read the finished products.

Year 6 have been exploring exciting vocabulary and a variety of sentence structures to prepare for their adventure story of Honey I Shrunk the Kids. The teeny-tiny children will have to make it from one edge of the garden, back to the house to return to normal size!

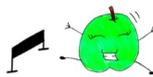
### House Competition :

**Well done to all of our Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most tokens this week!**

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
**54**



**Amazing  
Apples**  
**35**



**Super  
Strawberries**  
**56**



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
**58**





# Picture News

at Home

26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

What's going on this week?



Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell, has written a letter asking the prime minister to allocate £100m a year to help school libraries. The writer said she wanted "something hopeful to come out of the darkness of the pandemic. If you want to level up, libraries have to be a key part of that." She had said she would like funding to be guaranteed in particular for primary school libraries in the way that it is for other areas such as sport. The letter has also been signed by former Children's Laureates including Michael Rosen, Quentin Blake and Jacqueline Wilson.

*Things to talk about at home...*

- 🧐 Do you have a library at your school? Currently 1 in every 8 schools doesn't have a library, does this surprise you?
- 🧐 Some schools have been creative with their library, for example, using an old bus! If you could create your own library, what might it look like?

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