



# Stoats

## Class News



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Welcome to the first class news page of the academic year and as ever, your children have been busily engaged in a wide range of activities through our 'Good to Be Green' topic.

In Literacy we have been reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry as a stimulus for our writing, using the themes of conservation and protecting the rainforest environment to produce descriptive writing about our local woodlands.

This included the whole Year 3/4 team walking to Longtimber Woods to discover about the plants and animals that live there. Through the study of world maps, videos and books, children have been immersing themselves in rainforests around the world and how woodlands are made up of different layers, each with its own unique plants and animals.



The children have been finding out all about plants in Science. They have studied, drawn and labelled plants, found out about the functions of each part and sung a song to help remind them of what plants need to grow. Everyone particularly enjoyed the build-a-plant challenge, when groups had just one hour to build and label a model plant from a selection of materials.



The Year 4s had a cracking time at East Soar, building dens, roasting marshmallows, exploring the seashore, sleeping in Yurts and experiencing gravity first-hand as they rolled down a hill!



Meanwhile, back in school, Year 3 were learning about the Italian artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He produced some fascinating artwork using fruit and vegetables to create human faces and they had fun creating their own artwork using produce from the school grounds.



Our European Day of Languages focused on Germany, with children learning to count, greet each other as well as finding out about different colours.



Our class art work this half term has been based on the paintings of Yvonne Coomber, looking at how she uses paints and colours to explore the local, floral landscape.

What a busy half-term we have experienced. We can't wait for the next one!

