



Dear Fordcombe Families,

Today, we took part in an online science day alongside the Primary Science Teaching Trust. Each class joined a live zoom session with many other schools across the South of England. Each class was set a different challenge to investigate before joining back with the other schools to share their findings.

Ash class were looking at what happens when you use felt tip paper on wet tissue paper as an early exploration of chromatography.

Beech class explored which fruit and vegetables naturally float and how they could help a carrot to float using other materials.

Elm class took on some structural engineering - they investigated how the backbones of humans and animals can support our bodies. To do this, they made paper tubes of varying diameter and thickness and balanced as many books as they could. They had a lot of fun and found that the thickest, widest tubes were the strongest.

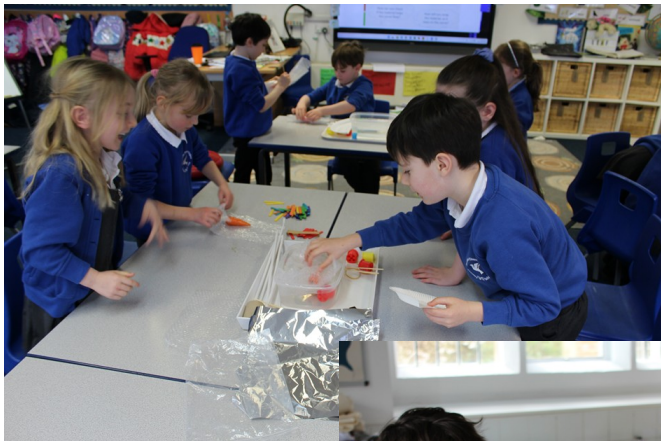
Oak class found about more about aerodynamics, creating flying tops and adapting them to see how high they could get them to fly.

It is great to see children developing their scientific skills whilst working collaboratively in groups in the classroom, connecting with children other schools.

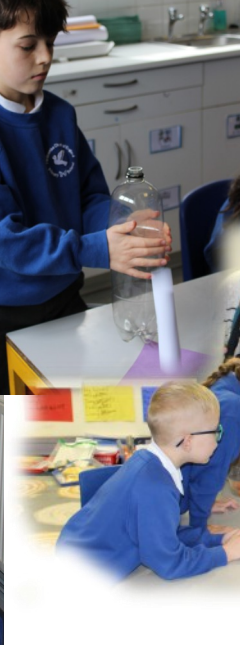
I wish you all a lovely weekend, especially to all our mums and special women in our lives.

Kind regards,
Julie Burton





Science Live !



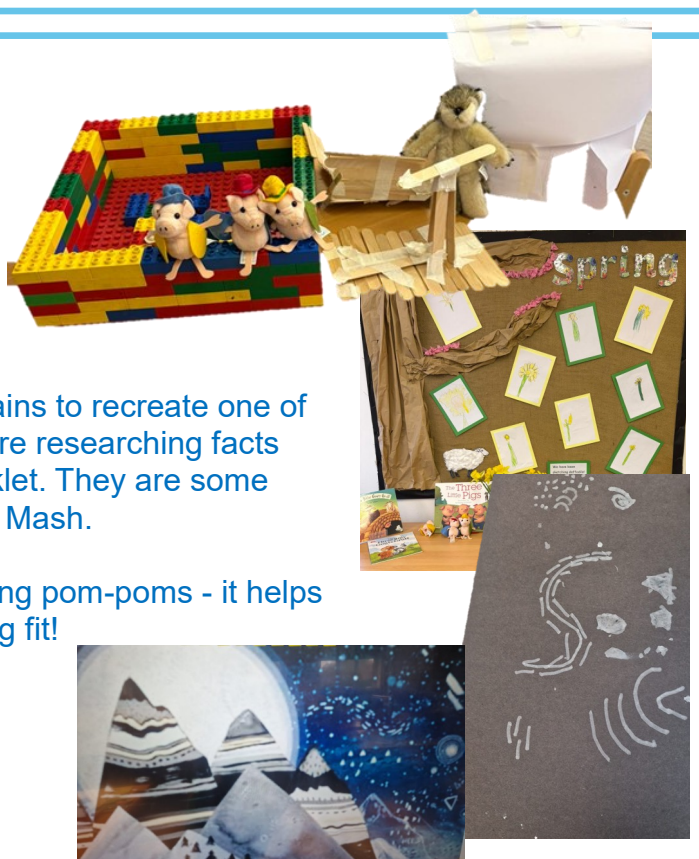
In other news:

Ash class have been sketching daffodils, cutting and colouring to make a collage of The Three Little Pigs story. They created houses made of different materials to see which is the strongest.

Beech class have begun creating constellations backgrounds and collage mountains to recreate one of the beautiful artworks in our book, Leaf. They are researching facts about polar bears to create an information booklet. They are some Arctic tasks 2do on Purple Mash.



Elm class have been making pom-poms - it helps to make fingers handwriting fit!





Celebrating our values this week:
 Jensen for honesty
 Always being kind and helpful.
 Tommy for perseverance with handwriting.

Sports leader awards:

Monty



Stars this week:

Oliver for always doing the right thing
 Miran and Noah for amazing maths.
 Zoe and Charlie for fantastic writing.
 Ellis for his effort in maths
 Ruairidh for settling in so well



Lunch leader awards:

Ethan, Finlay,
 Ayati and Saoirse.

Can you help:

As the weather improves, we would love to get into our forest school area. If you are able to donate any of the following, we would love to develop our outdoors creativity and problem solving with these:

- logs for seating
- wooden planks
- bamboo/long sticks
- tarpaulin
- crates
- twine
- bug habitat kits
- bird feeders
- bug hunting kit (magnifying glasses/pots etc.)
- gardening gloves
- gardening tools
- guttering (clean)
- binoculars
- old metal pots and pans



Dates for your diary

March 19th	Class Photos
March 25th	Travelling Book Fair visit for 1 week
March 27th	Non-school uniform day (£1 donation)
March 30th	Elm and Oak Swimming Week
April 2nd	Easter Celebration Day

Other early dates for your information:

June 17th	Residential
July 3rd	Sports Day (Join us at 12:30 for a picnic before activities start)
July 13th	Oak Class production
July 20th	Leavers' Service at the Church
July 21st	Awards Assembly and Leavers' send off

Please contact us via the office if you have any questions about your child's learning or their well-being at Fordcombe Primary School.



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