

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

This week, we had a visit from an Inclusion Advisor from our Tenax team. He last visited last academic year and he was really positive about the work being done at the school. Huge credit to Mrs McBride, Mrs Fowler and the whole team for striving to do their best for all the children at Fordcombe.

In worship this week, we have been thinking about how Christians believe that Jesus was the light of the world. As you know, we aim to 'Inspire every child to shine in God's light'. The children have been thinking about how they can take their light out into the world. If your child has an achievement or 'shines brightly' outside of school, please do let us know so that we can celebrate with them!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Julie Burton

Oak

This week in English, Oak class have been working hard to write some poetry inspired by the Caribbean - we will be finishing these off next week so we will hopefully share some of poems in next week's newsletter.



In maths, we have been working on numbers with 2 and 3 decimal places. This will progress on to adding, subtracting and multiplying with decimal numbers.

In science, this term we have been looking at inherited characteristics, variation between species and variation within the same species. Our experiment this week was inspired by Darwin's observation of natural selection in finches in the Galapagos Islands. Oak class had to use a variety of "beaks" to peck at the food: those with the most food are better suited to their environments.



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Beech

Beech class have been considering how different materials have different properties and the best way to use them. We looked at all the ways George, 'the smartest giant in town' shared his clothes to help his friends.

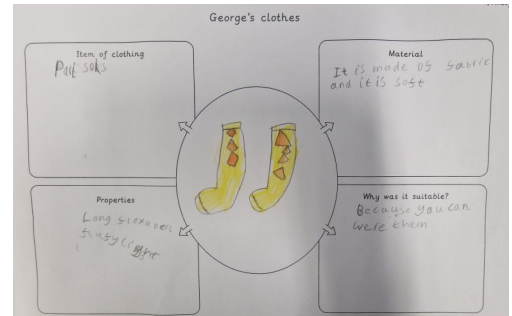


In English, we have just met Bob, the Man on the Moon. We have written him a letter and we are hoping that Space Mail is faster than the postal service on Earth and he will reply soon!



In Maths, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, focussing on 2s, 5s and 10s.

The children have loved choosing their 'reading for pleasure' books and sharing them with you at home.



Ash

This week has been a busy one as usual in Ash Class. We have been looking at the composition of 6, 7 and 8 in Maths.

We have been sharing all sorts of funny poems which the children have really enjoyed. We have also been reading Blue Penguin which is

a lovely story about differences. The children have done some collage work to create their own Blue Penguin. The fun continued as they built rooms for some of the small world penguins and polar bears. They even labelled them independently!

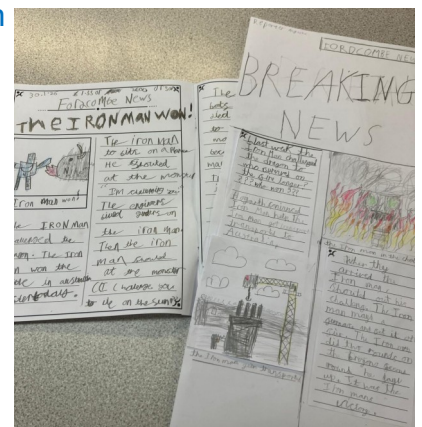


Elm

Elm class have been finding out about the features of a newspaper report and have been penning their very own column. Some of the children have been so enthusiastic about this, they haven't wanted to stop!



In History, the children applied their learning about the construction and rooms in a Roman villa to making their own models. I wonder if they can tell you about the differences between ancient Roman homes and our own?





Celebrating our values this week:

Ethan - perseverance during time of change
 George - showing respect and love
 Jensen - perseverance

Beech class has
 a fabulous 98%
 this week!

**MOMENTS
 MATTER.
 ATTENDANCE
 COUNTS.**



Stars this week:

Woody - Good writing
 Annabelle - Amazing questions
 Maddie - Amazing resilience
 Noah - Maths fluency
 Tomi - joined up handwriting
 Ayati - settling in so well

Lunch leader awards:



**Bella, Ellis, and
 Ayati**

Struggling to get your child reading? Or to feed their reading diet?

It can be hard to find the books that are going to interest your child. Word of mouth from other parents can be great and librarians are always a great source of advice. Another option I would recommend is the website: spyreaders.co.uk

It has a book suggester which allows you to search by the child's age and interests. It then gives parents a hint to the content of the book without giving away the story! Definitely worth a look and created in partnership with a local teacher.



Dates for your diary

February 10th	Safer Internet Day
February 16th	Start of half term
February 23rd	School closed - INSET day
February 24th	Lancaster Questionnaire (Well-being) for Year 6
February 26th	Parents Consultations
March 2nd	Netball match - Home v Chiddingstone
March 5th	World Book Day
March 10th	Ash class hearing and vision screening
March 25th	Travelling Book Fair visit for 1 week
March 30th	Elm and Oak Swimming Week

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

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