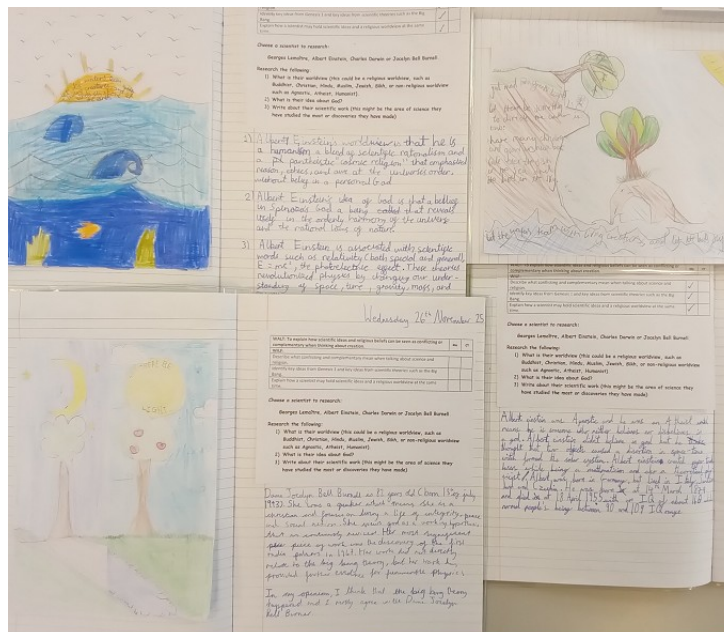


Preparations for Christmas are in full swing here at Fordcombe. The children are rehearsing the nativity and I keep finding the rest of the staff humming tunes from the play! I'm sure you're going to love it!

We will be wishing Mrs Evans farewell at the end of term as she steps back to spend more time with family. Despite losing a valued member of staff, we will be ensuring continuity of support for the children.

Have a great weekend!



This week in maths in Oak class, we have been learning how to subtract mixed-number fractions, looking at “breaking the whole” (where the fraction being subtracted is larger than the fractional part of the mixed number). We have also been learning how to convert them in to improper fractions.

In English, we have been planning and writing a balanced argument focused on the question “Should Odysseus return to Ithaca?”. We have also been learning how to use semi-colons and colons.

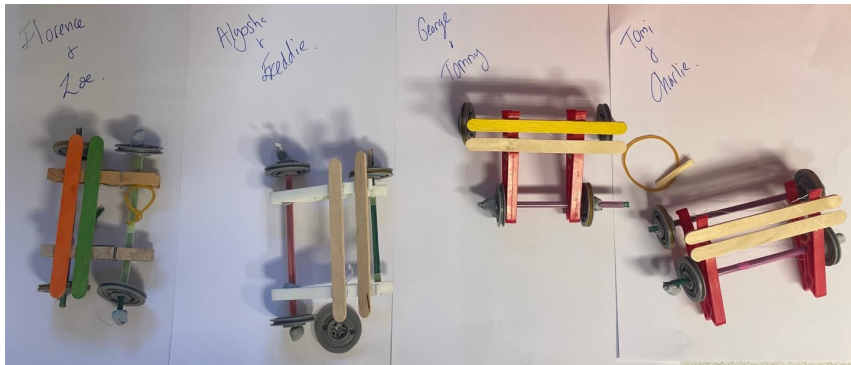
In RE, we have had interesting discussions about whether science and religion are conflicting or complementary. Some people believe in the Big Bang theory; however, some people believe in the Christian creation story. We researched some scientist who believe in both!

Fun fact: did you know that one million seconds ago is 11 days ago, one million minutes ago was 2023 and one billion minutes ago is just under 2,000 years ago! We learnt this when we were looking at how long ago the Big Bang happened.

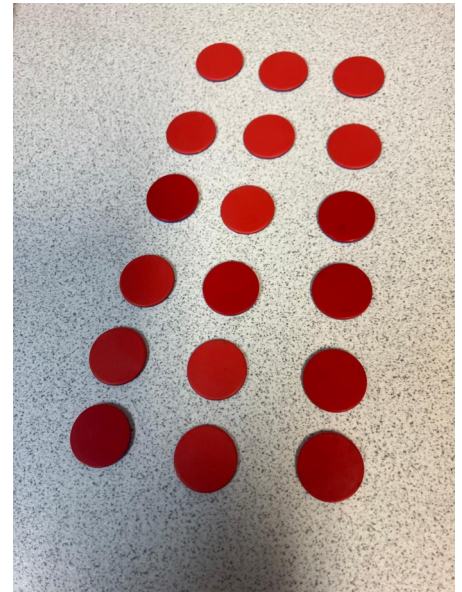


Elm

Elm class have continued to investigate movement in DT. They made a 3rd prototype of a 'durable' slingshot car. They look so cool!



In Maths, Elm class have been using counters to explore multiplication facts as arrays. Does this example show 6×3 or 3×6 ? Does it make a difference?



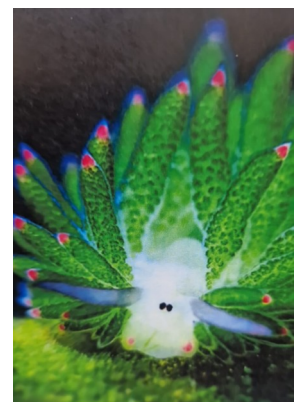
Ash

Ash class have been reading Astro Girl and have really enjoyed learning about what an astronaut does. They have been writing about it and making rockets.



Beech

Beech class have continued to be entranced by slugs and have been discovering fantastic slug facts. We have learned that they come in all sorts of different patterns and colours and all agree that sea slugs are very cute!





Celebrating our values this week:

Arlo - showing perseverance with his work
 Charlie - perseverance
 Vinnie - being a good friend
 Clemmie - being brave

There are 13 children with an incredible 100% attendance! Over half of the children are above 95% too. Congratulations.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Stars this week:

Olivia - amazing work
 Florence - wonderful word research
 Tommy - wonderful writing
 Livvy - working hard
 Gabby and Ellis - RE discussion

Lunch leader awards:

Livvy, Olivia,
 Amy, Flinlay A



Football tournament

On Monday 24th November, we played a football match against other schools. Fordcombe played very well but unfortunately we lost our games. Everyone on the pitch played well and we did end up scoring a goal. All of our defenders did very well as did everyone who was trying to score or just passing and dribbling. Oliver

We are proud of you all! Well done for trying your best.



Dates for your diary

December	
Monday 1st	Christingle and Non-uniform day
Tuesday 2nd	Christmas Craft day with parents
Sunday 7th	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16th	Nativity
Wednesday 17th	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Friday 19th	Christmas Church service and a special visitor in school...

Other early dates for your information:

February 26th	Parents Consultations
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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