FORDCOMBE NEWS

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

Some schools have a school dog, guinea pigs, fish and I've even heard of a school cat, but a school pigeon?! Well, Pete seems to have adopted the school as his home and is often on the look our for a comfortable perch...

This week, we have experienced some staff absences due to illness, and I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for pulling together to ensure that our children continue to receive the support and care they need during this time.

Fingers crossed for a peaceful weekend to recover!

Kind regards,
Julie Burton

Beech

This week, Miran's dad visited us. He is a pilot! He works for a company with red on its logo - Virgin.

He showed us a video of what it looks like from the cockpit. It looked really high up!

Flo asked if he has an auto-pilot. He doesn't have just one, he has two (in case one broke). At the end he gave us toy aeroplanes!

Lewis and Evalyn

The children enjoyed this visit so much!

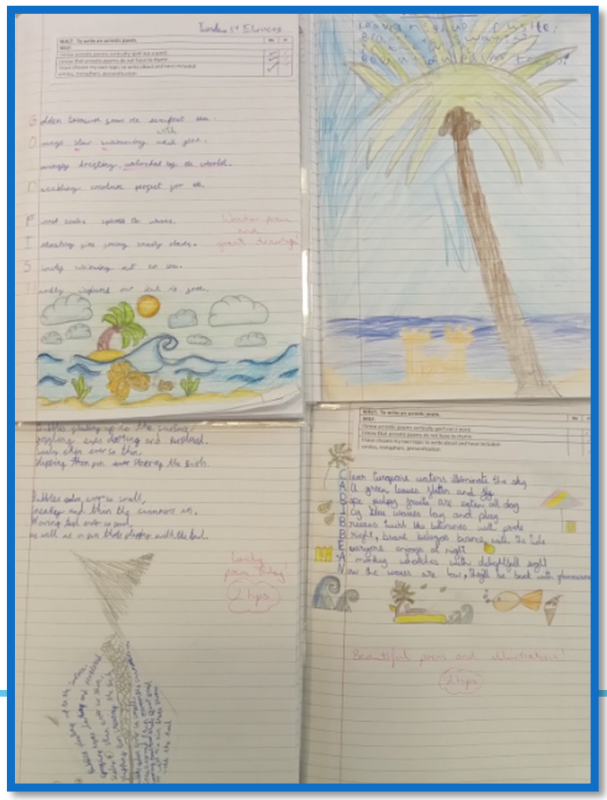
If you would like to come in and talk to a class about your job, please do get in touch. The children are always fascinated to know what the grown ups are doing whilst we are not watching!

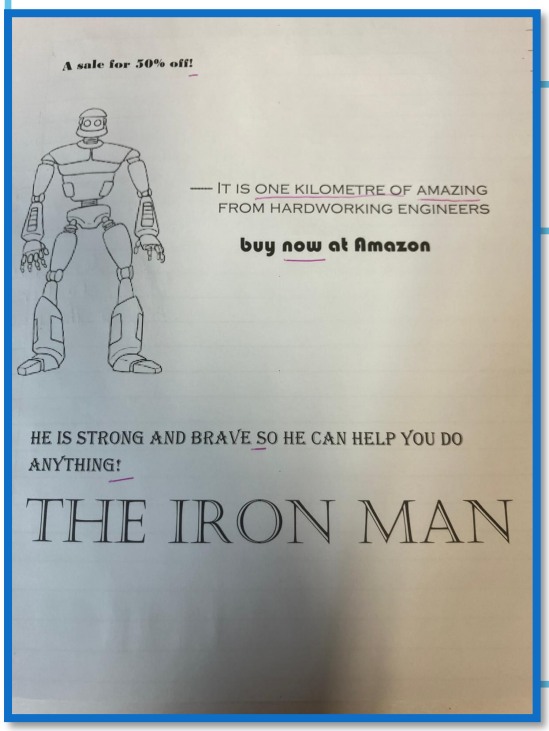
Oak

This week in Oak class we have finished writing a variety of different types of poems – you can see a very small selection of them here!

In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of rounding numbers but this time including rounding numbers with two decimal places.

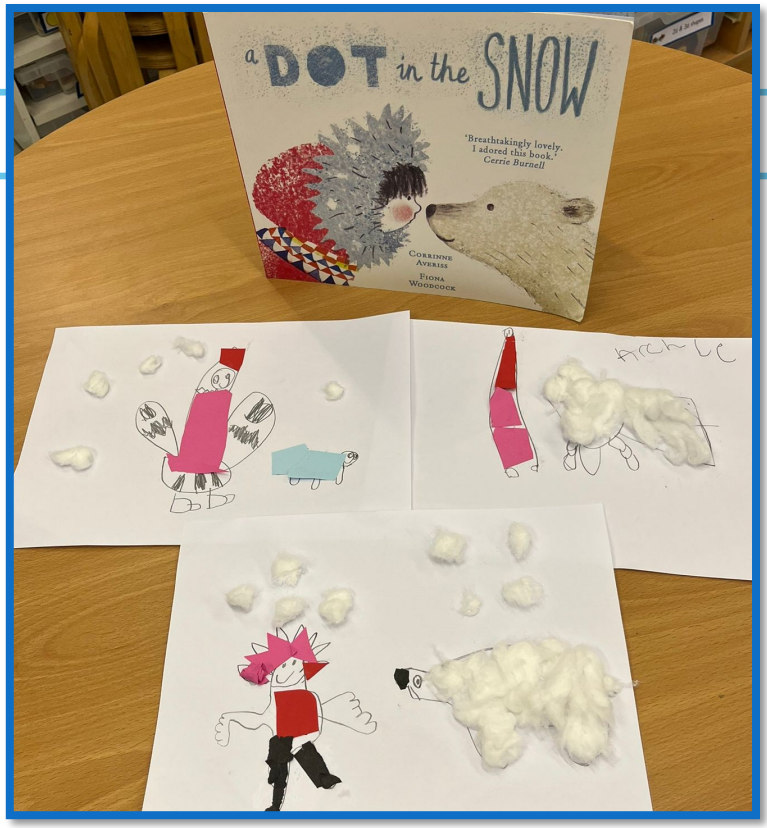
Oak class are very excited that the Leading Lights group is back up and running: they will be leading various things across the school, starting next term with a weekly act of worship on Wednesdays.





Elm

Elm class pupils have been practising their powers of persuasion this week. They have been busy writing appealing adverts and letter to persuade people to protect our planet!



Ash

Ash class have been very busy once again. We have been learning about doubles and conceptual subitising.

The children have enjoyed our book this week which was all about a polar bear who makes friends with a girl. They have done some beautiful collage work based on it. They have also been working hard on writing and phonics.

Celebrating our values this week:

Freddie - showing love
Polina - showing love and helping her friends
Ollie - perseverance
Lara - perseverance

Sports leader awards:

Monty and Annabelle

Stars this week:

All of Beech for being brilliant for all their teachers whilst Miss. Huskisson was unwell
Ada - for amazing maths
Zoe - persuasive punctuation
Alyosha - super spellings
Alya - amazing poetry

Lunch leader awards:

Archie, Lara and Monthy

Uniform reminder

We have noticed that uniform standards have slipped recently and some non-uniform items are being worn in school. A reminder that pupils should be wearing:

- grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses,
- white or grey socks/tights,
- a white polo shirt and
- a school sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Black or navy shoes should be worn (no high heels, sports trainers or ankle boots)

We have second hand uniform available and new uniform available at a discounted price whilst stocks last. Please contact us at the office if you have any queries.

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

Oak class topping the chart with 94% this week!

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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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