

Dear Fordcombe Families,

As we move towards the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 1 pupils for their fantastic efforts in the Phonics Screening Check and our Year 4 pupils for their hard work and determination during the Multiplication Tables Check. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and positive attitudes they have shown.

We are also very much looking forward to Oak Class's final production, which will take place on Monday 13th July. Parents are warmly invited to arrive between 1:30pm and 1:45pm, with the play beginning promptly at 2:00pm and finishing at approximately 3:00pm. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication Oak Class have shown in preparing for their performance and look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

Please note that there will not be a Year 6 presentation following the play. Instead, our Year 6 celebration and presentation will take place during our end-of-term church service on Tuesday 21st July at 9:15am. We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils and wish them well as they prepare for their next chapter.

Julie Burton

Executive Headteacher



Ash

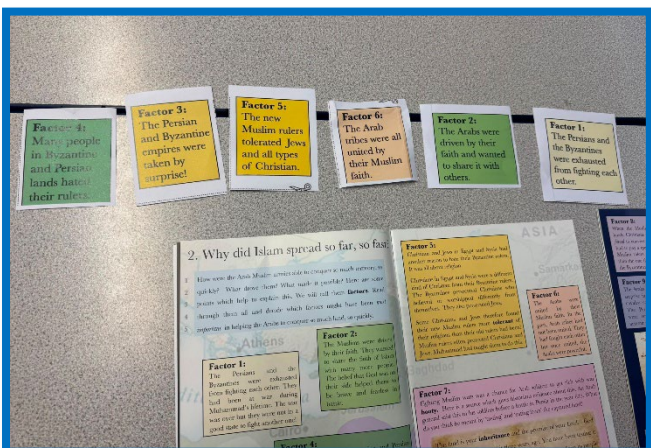
Ash class have been learning all about maps this week. They have been describing what they can see on a map and the position of different features. The children have also been looking at and describing what is shown on aerial photographs. They even drew their own story maps.

We have also started preparing for our school Festival of Art. The children have begun singing their song, performing their poem, and have painted colourful fish.



Elm

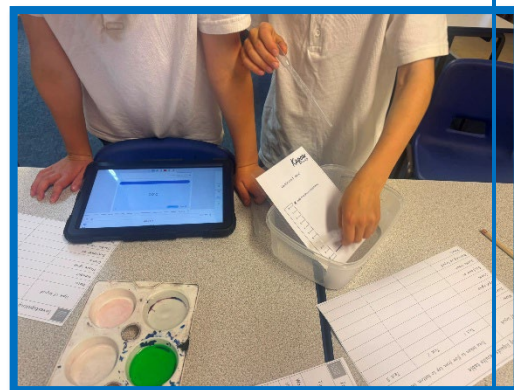
In History, Elm have been learning about the factors that influenced why Islam spread so far, so quickly. Our young historians ordered the factors according to what they believed were the most influential to the least influential.



In Science, the Elm class scientists planned and conducted an experiment to test the relationship between viscosity and the flow of liquids. Ask them what they concluded!



Finally, thank you all for your newspaper and magazine donations, which the Elm class designers will be using to make model helmets.

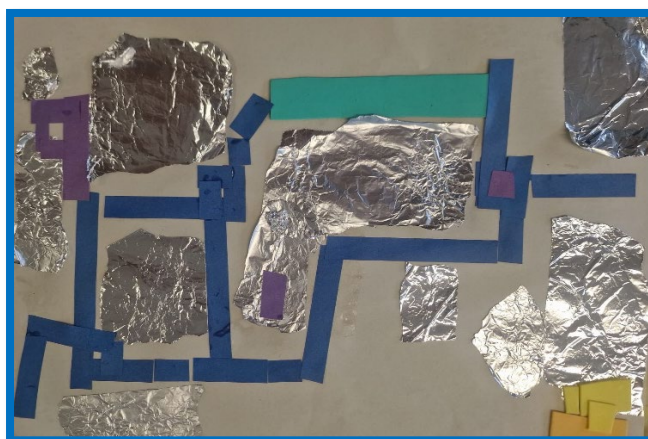
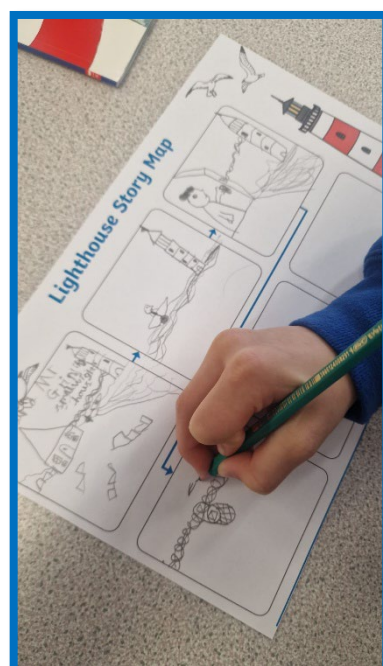
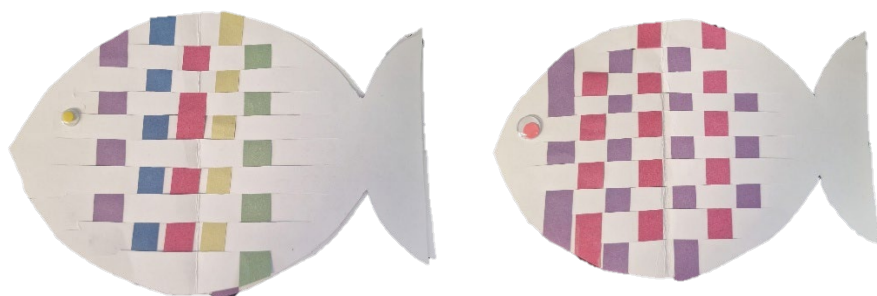


Elm class pupils have published their adventure stories and are rightfully proud of them.

Beech

Beech class have been retelling the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by drawing story maps and writing key parts of the story. We have woven fish to swim in our class sea and have turned our maps from last week into stunning 3D versions.

A massive well done to all the children who worked so hard for the phonics test. You all did brilliantly!



Oak

Oak class have had a very busy week ahead of our residential trip to Carrotty Wood next week (17–19 June). This week, Oak class have been working hard in English to complete a non-chronological report all about children's lives during World War Two.

In Art, we have started making props for our play, and all children have been working hard rehearsing their lines and developing their characters.

You can see some photos here from last week, when all the children took part in a workshop with a director at the Globe Theatre. He worked hard to encourage the children to really consider the words they are saying in the play.

Also attached are some photos from our workshop with the artist David Blandy at the Amelia Centre. During this day, the children worked hard on a range of artistic tasks in order to attain an Arts Award from Trinity College London (certificates to follow).





Stars this week:

James for his amazing work in mathematics
Ethan for his increased confidence
Zoe for amazing writing
Charlie for computing
All of **Beech** for being phonics superstars



Celebrating our values this week:

Archie for respect
Alyosha for perseverance with his story.
Sophie for being a respectful member of the class.

Don't forget: Fordcombe Festival of Arts

will take place this year on Friday June 26th 2026 at 2pm.

This year our festival will have the theme:

'Our Natural World'

We would like the children to enter the Arts competition with a piece that represents the natural world around us. This could be on the theme of recycling or sustainability, a piece of work made from recycled/natural materials or your own interpretation of the theme! We welcome entries of music, poetry, sculpture or pictures (any medium welcome!). We would encourage children to be as creative as possible.

The entries will be on display at the Festival of Arts alongside class artwork.

The closing date for competition entries will be Monday 22nd June.

We look forward to seeing how your children celebrate our wonderful natural world.

Dates for your diary

June 17th	Oak class Residential
June 22nd	Closing date for the Arts competition
June 23rd	Ash, Beech and Elm trip
June 26th	Festival of Arts
July 3rd	Sports Day (Join us at 12:30 for a picnic before activities start)
July 10th	Penalty shoot-out
July 13th	Oak Class production
July 20th	Leavers' Service at the Church

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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