



# THE FRIDAY FOCUS



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The fortnightly Friday Focus is the chance for every class at Clavering to share their learning with the Clavering School community. This is a great opportunity to find out what each year group has been up to and engage in conversations around learning.

## RECEPTION

Reception class have had another busy and fabulous week staying for full days. We have been doing lots of focussed fine motor skill activities, learning our new phonic sounds and how to write the letter shapes and also thinking about the number one.

One of the highlights was definitely meeting Maisie the reading dog and her owner Louise. Louise told us all about Maisie and the children listened brilliantly and asked fantastic questions. We were allowed to stroke Maisie if we wanted to – she kept lying down to have her tummy tickled! The children loved it when Maisie did a high five with both paws!



## CLASS 1

Class 1 have been busy being treasure hunters and programmable robots! In Computing, pupils have been learning that an algorithm is a set of instructions. Treasure hunters had to devise an algorithm for their programmable robot which would lead them to find and land on a pile of treasure. Pupils began to understand that their algorithm needed to be really precise for their robot to move! For example, forwards 3 steps and a quarter turn left.



## CLASS 2

Class Two have been learning about the artist Robert Delaunay. We were so inspired by his work we have created paintings in his style. We used our prior knowledge of colour mixing and hot and cold colours to help us.



## CLASS 3

Class 3 are really enjoying their History lessons on Ancient Egypt. This week we looked at the pyramids. First of all the children were challenged to make different pyramids with modelling clay. They had a go at making a squared based smooth sided pyramid & a step pyramid and a bent pyramid. Afterwards we learnt about where, why & how pyramids were built and recorded our findings on our very own (paper) pyramid.





## CLASS 4 & 5

On Friday 24th September, Class 4 and Class 5 went to Saffron Hall for a live session with two tutors from the Benedetti Foundation. Lucy and Elsa did a range of fabulous activities with the children which included singing in rounds, body percussion, listening and appraising and a wonderful performance of 'Galloway' a Scottish piece played on the Vibraphone. The children were amazed at the sounds that this created and that Elsa played with two sticks in each hand. The children were encouraged to imagine the story in the music and that everyone could imagine their own story and not be wrong. We then composed our own song with body percussion about the sounds around us - well done to Louisa for leading our school so well in this.

Thank you to Mrs Lawless and Mrs Davies for their help with this trip.



## CLASS 6

In Year 6 we are developing our coding skills in Computing, using BBC Micro:bit...

<https://makecode.microbit.org/>

We are working in teams to design and make an interactive toy. We are going to program the micro:bit to add sound or LED lights to our soft toy when it is tilted or shaken.

