



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 and Class 1 had a fantastic visit on the train on a very crisp and bright morning! The Nutcracker helped us onto the train. We loved the train ride and spotting all the festive scenes and enjoyed going through the tunnels. When we reached Santa's grotto, four dancing elves needed help to dress the snowmen and snowgirls while Father Christmas came along the train to wish us all a merry Christmas. Thea and Luna gave him their lovely drawings. All the children received a gift. After the train ride we went to visit the Gingerbread House and the North Pole Post office. Here we had a snack and then posted our wonderful letters. The class were absolutely fantastic and a great festive time was had by all. Thank you to Michelle Draper and Alice Sabin for assisting us with this trip and to Jackie Snelling for helping to organise it.



CLASS ONE

Class 1 spent a magical morning at Audley End Miniature Railway with Reception. They enjoyed an exciting trip on the train and stopped at Father Christmas's grotto where they met him and his trusted Elves. They enjoyed a walk through the woods and made sure they posted their Christmas list letters composed in class in the post box.



We have also been continuing to explore the story of Rama and Sita and the meaning of Diwali. We looked at how important the symbol of light was in the story and when celebrating the Diwali festival. We made lanterns just like families celebrating this festival would do to represent good (light) overcoming evil (dark).



CLASS TWO

Class Two have really enjoyed their design brief 'To create a fruit tart for the Queen of Hearts'. We begun by tasting existing products, the class decided the jam tarts were their favourites. We then designed our own jam tart and used our English topic (instructions) to write our recipes. Last week we used the recipes to bake our own tart. We took these to the forest with us and tasted and evaluated them whilst sat in the log circle. There were mixed opinions on which flavour jam was the best (Miss Hagger's favourite was raspberry!) However, all children agreed we successfully created a yummy fruit tart!



CLASS THREE

Over the Autumn term Class Three's topic has been Ancient Egyptians. We have learnt about who they were, pharaohs, gods, how they built their pyramids, why the Nile was an important resource, games and so much more! To conclude our topic the children took part in mummification. Over the week the children had to crack a hieroglyphics code from pharaoh, prepare the pharaoh's burial tomb, sarcophagus and finally mummify the body of a (pretend) pharaoh. The children were very respectful at each stage of the mummification process. Finally they wrote instructions on 'How to mummify a pharaoh'.



CLASS THREE AND FOUR

On Wednesday, some of class 3 and 4 went to Joyce Franklin to take part in an indoor athletics competition. It involved field events, which included javelin, speed bounce, vertical jump, standing long jump and chest push; and track events, which involved a variety of relays including obstacle, 2 by 1, 2 by 2, 4 by 1 and under and over. The children competed brilliantly and gave great effort coming third overall. We had a great afternoon and represented the school well.



CLASS FOUR

In Class 4 we have been learning about the Victorian artist William Morris, we have been working on designing our own printable tile in his style. He uses a lot of nature in his work so we have tried to carry this into our own. We made a design in our sketch books before transferring it onto a piece of paper the same size as our tiles. We had to make sure that the sides matched so that everything lines up when we do our repeating prints.

Now that we have transferred our designs and checked them we have begun to transfer them onto polystyrene tiles by placing our designs on top and using a needle to make holes through the paper. We are then using a very sharp pencil to join the dots-carving in our designs. Check back at the end of term for our final prints!



CLASS FIVE

Year 5 have been working on their French targets. We enjoy practising our greetings against a backdrop of Paris landmarks – Comment ça va? – and have been learning to retell the story of le loup-garou in 'Je m'habille et je te croque', learning the vocabulary for French clothing. Tres bien, la classe!



CLASS SIX

This term Class 6 have been learning to play a brass instrument in music lessons through Wider Opportunities with Mr Malam. They have learnt to play either the trombone, trumpet or euphonium. Class 6 have really enjoyed these lessons and learnt to read music too.

