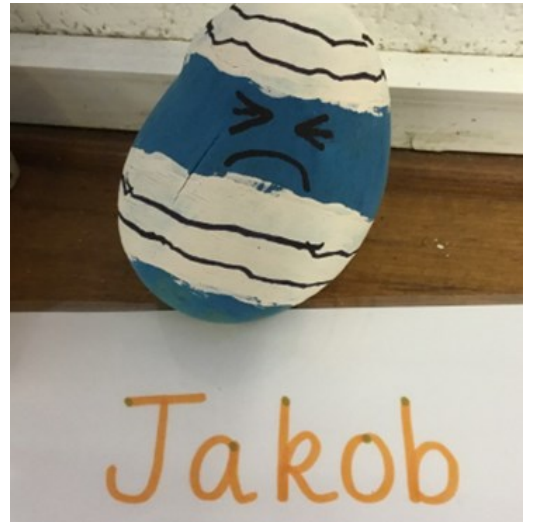
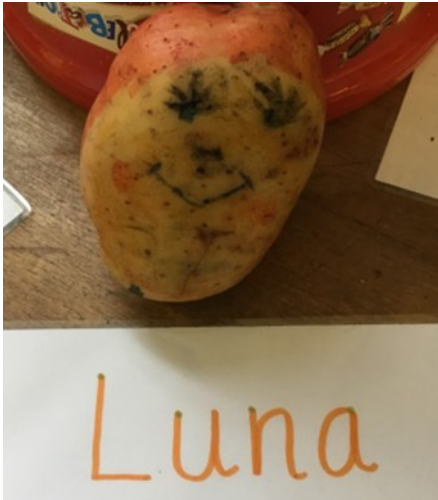


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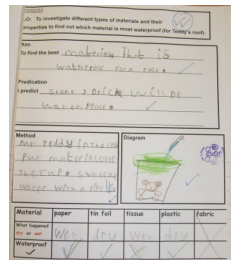
We have had an enjoyable Book Week listening to stories about aliens for designing our own alien and writing a fact file. We went on a moon adventure in P.E. and really enjoyed hearing the story The Pet Potato written by Josh Lacey, our visiting author. The children have loved sharing their amazing potato book characters with the class. We have had some Mr Men, the Snail and the Whale, Little Red Riding Hood, Oi Frog and Where's Wally!



## CLASS 1

Class 1 have been scientists testing different materials to help Mr Stickman make a new roof to keep him dry. Class 1 discussed the material properties of absorbency and waterproof. They enjoyed setting up a fair test and testing plastic, tissue, newspaper and tin foil.

Class 1 have been introduced to the Torres Strait Islanders people and the wonderful aboriginal artwork created over 20,000 years ago. Class 1 explored what the artwork was like, where it can be found and what materials they used to create the artwork, namely ochre. They then experimented by creating their own aboriginal art using black paper and chalk.



## CLASS 2

Class Two have started their new Topic on Transport. Particularly looking into how transport has changed over time.

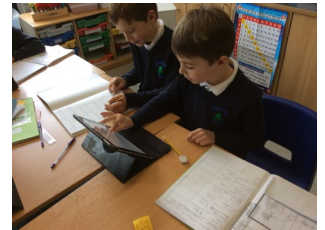
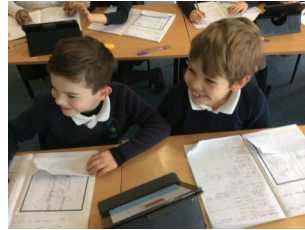
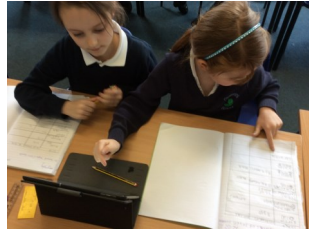
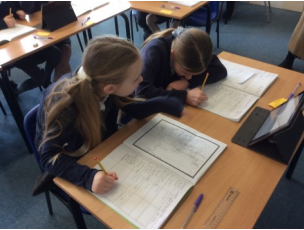
We began by learning about the Vikings. They were great travellers who created and used the Viking Longboats. To support our learning the class made their own Viking Longboat in pairs. They used their design skills to create the boat and attach the sail. Some children even used a figurehead at the front of the ship- we learnt these were designed to scare off the enemies!





## CLASS 3

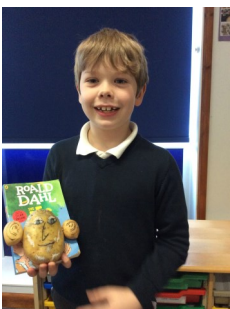
In geography we have been learning about mountains with a focus , to begin with, on the Seven Summits. After learning about their locations and plotting them on a map of the world the children were given an improvement challenge to research the height of each summit and a fun fact. They used iPads and learnt about trusted websites that can give us reliable information when researching —don't always believe the first thing you read!



In science our new topic is rocks and fossils and the children were learning about the three different rock types and how they are formed. To ensure the children understood their learning we used three different coloured sweets to represent sediment. The first set we applied pressure to create sedimentary rocks just like they are formed on sea & river beds. The next set we applied pressure and heat to make metamorphic and finally Mrs Bond kindly and safely heated a set of sweets to represent igneous rocks. These are formed from immense heat (magma) under the earth's surface.

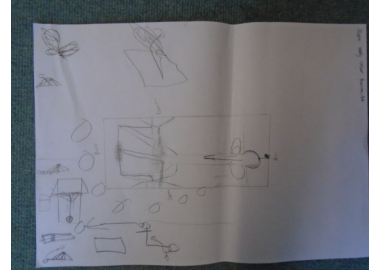
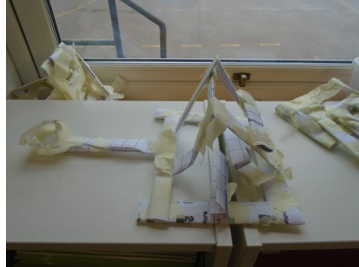
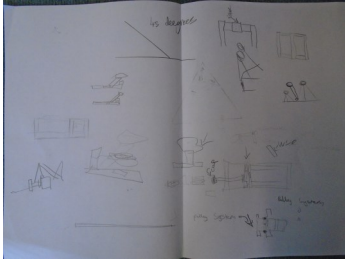


Class 3 really enjoyed our visit from the author Josh Lacey and well done for all the brilliant potato book characters!



## CLASS 4

In Class 4 we have been exploring Roman catapults and the different design features involved in them. We built prototypes out of paper and masking tape before creating our final designs in groups. We will now be making our catapults out of wood before testing to see if they work!



## CLASS 5

These have been strange days for Year 5 with so many of our class working from home but we have very much enjoyed taking part in Book Week activities (what amazing potato characters!) and in particular meeting Josh Lacey, albeit via Teams. We have also begun making our design and technology character bookmarks, researching designs, finalising our own designs and learning different ways of joining felt and other materials to make our bookmarks.

We look forward to having the whole class back together again as soon as possible and in the meantime wish everyone better.





## CLASS 6

Class 6 have had a very busy start to the new half term. On Wednesday 23rd February the hockey team played in a tournament held at JFAN. They have been playing hockey at JFAN since the Autumn term every Friday so it was good to have the opportunity to play matches against other schools. The team all agreed it had been a great experience and they all enjoyed playing so many matches.



On Friday 25th February Mr Phipps (Oskar's dad) gave a talk to class 6 about rocks and fossils. Through his work, Mr Phipps has studied the geology of different parts of Europe and found many varied examples of fossils. He explained to the class how the fossils had been formed and why dinosaurs had eventually become extinct. Mr Phipps identified rocks and fossils members of class 6 had brought in from home. We also discussed how our climate is rapidly changing (in geological time) and how this will affect the Earth and all living things. We all learnt a lot and found Mr Phipps talk very interesting. Thank you Ollie for giving up your time!



Finally, on Wednesday 2nd March the Tag Rugby team took part in the second round of the Uttlesford Tag Tournament. It was a very damp wet morning at Carver Barracks but the tag rugby team were very resilient and played with enthusiasm. First, they played 3 games, the winners of which played in Group 1 and the other schools played in Group 2. As Clavering had 1 win , 1 draw and lost 1 we were put in Group 2. We then played 6 more games of 8 minutes each – everyone played in every game with roll on and off subs. After an exciting though tiring and wet tournament, Clavering came first in Group 2. Excellent teamwork - well done! Thank you to Beth Lawless and John Upton for all their help.



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