



THE FRIDAY FOCUS



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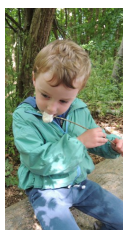
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The fortnightly Friday Focus is the chance for every class at Clavering to share their learning with the Clavering School community. This is a great opportunity to find out what each year group has been up to and engage in conversations around learning.

RECEPTION

The Happy Hedgehogs have been fantastic listeners all year at Forest School. So, we were able to have our first fire in the fire pit inside the log circle. We enjoyed helping roll the water carrier to the wood. When the fire was ready, we were invited in to toast our marshmallows. They were yummy!

The children have also enjoyed using the iPads to draw minibeasts. They were all able to change the colour and type their name independently. Well done Reception.



CLASS 1

Year 1 have been continuing to study the art work of Paul Klee. Previously, we recreated his famous 'Cat and bird' picture. We have now designed our own work based on 'Castle and sun'. The children spent time looking at the shapes and colours used.

We have also been learning some exciting class games, which are helping us to develop our listening and social skills - 'Pip, Squeak, Wilfred, Harry' and 'Here, there and everywhere'.

We have been learning about 'keeping safe in the sun' and have designed our own amazing sun hats.

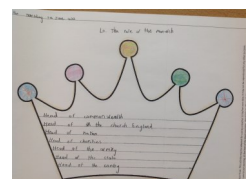
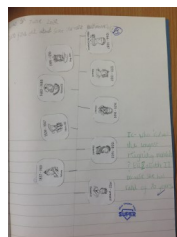
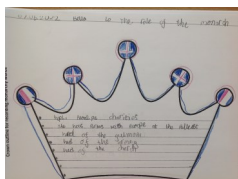
We have just started our new topic about plants in science and will be going on a hunt in the school grounds very soon.



CLASS 2

Class Two have been learning about the Monarchy. We began our new topic by thinking about the job role of a monarch. Inside a crown the children wrote a 'job role for a monarch' the class thought it would be fun attending parties and overseeing lots of aspects of our lives! We have also been ordering the past British Monarchs on a timeline.

In Science we have been learning about what plants need to grow. We came up with the list of; water, sunlight, soil and being kept at the right temperature. We have set up an experiment to test the effect of these factors on plant growth. We have planted 5 bean seeds. One has been placed in our idea of the 'right' conditions, each of the others have been left without one condition. We have made a prediction as to how this will affect plant growth. In a few weeks we are hoping to have some results!

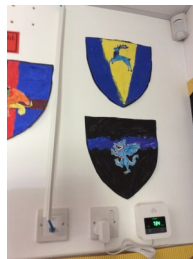


CLASS 3

Class 3 have been very fortunate to have Chris the Cricket Coach from Chance to Shine come in on a Tuesday afternoon to teach the children a variety of skills. The children had fun learning how to catch 'under the eyes' and put their batting skills to the test.

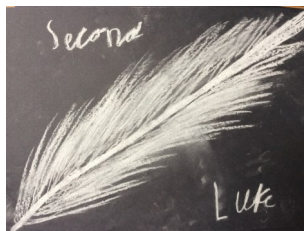


To finish our Tudor topic last week, the children designed their own Tudor shields. They considered their colour choices, ordinaries and animal charges. The children enjoyed painting and colouring their designs onto card and were proud of their finished pieces.



CLASS 4

In Class 4 we have been further developing our work on art in nature by creating sketches of feathers. We used the skills we have learnt to shade and add detail and did an initial sketch in our books before moving onto black paper using chalk to create our feathers.



CLASS 5

Year 5 have loved their cricket sessions from coach Chris! He has brought out the best in everyone, beginning by teaching them bowling and batting skills. We have detected some excellent potential cricketers and look forward to reaping the rewards in next year's cricket tournament.



We are learning to tell the time in French – singing along to a Rigolo song and asking and answering questions about the time. On a nice day, a game of 'Quelle heure est-il Monsieur Le Loup?' is also a good way to practise in the playground!

We have been learning about the stages of growth and development in humans in science. The children have drawn timelines which represent the changes of humans from birth until late adulthood.

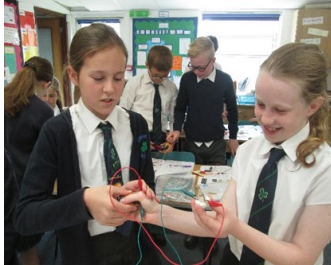
In PE, we have started our OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) unit. Last week, the children were set some challenges which encouraged them to work as a team and improve their communication skills. Clear instructions had to be given to a blindfolded child in order for them to collect cones. The children had lots of fun navigating each other across the playground!

On Thursday, the class were lucky enough to meet George's new furry friends. A few weeks ago, George hatched some ducklings. The eggs were kept in an incubator and since they have been hatched, George has been feeding them and letting them have a swim on his paddling pool!



CLASS 6

Class 6 have started their new topic learning about the Battle of Britain and how this event changed the course of World War 2. We have researched information about the Prime Minister at the time Winston Churchill. In Science we have learnt about electrical symbols and used these to create different types of circuits including a switch, bulbs and motors. We enjoyed investigating which circuits on a diagram would work or not.



On Tuesday mornings Chris the cricket coach is teaching us the skills needed to play cricket well. We really enjoyed this week's lesson on how to bowl.



On Wednesday some of Class 6 and Class 5 represented the school at the Cricket Finals for Saffron Walden schools and we used these skills Chris the cricket coach has taught us. Both the boys' and girls' teams played well and were a credit to the school in their effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Phipps and Mr Carter for their help at the tournament.

Well done everyone!

