



THE FRIDAY FOCUS



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Welcome to the first Friday Focus of the academic year. 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 settled brilliantly into school life staying at school for the mornings and lunchtime for these past two weeks. We have enjoyed getting to know all the new families, parents and carers. They will start their full days next week. We are extremely proud of how well they are doing; exploring the indoor and outdoor spaces, getting used to new routines, being kind friends and helping each other. The children are already fantastic at self-registering with their house-coloured lolly-stick and then doing their dinner choice independently on the big screen – well done Reception. Three children have already turned five. They have played the birthday machine and chosen a special card from the class.



We have been enjoying our social snack time where the helpers collect the snack mats in and then give out snack. This is a great opportunity to practice our manners and our pouring skills! We call any spills 'marvellous mistakes' which will help us next time.



Reception have met their wonderful Year 6 buddies who are being so helpful already, helping the children to get their school dinner then supporting their outside play.

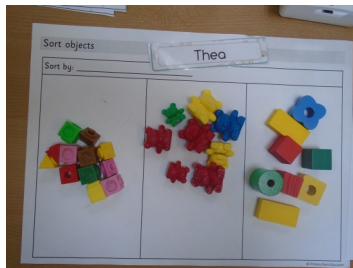
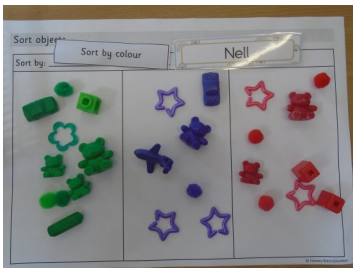
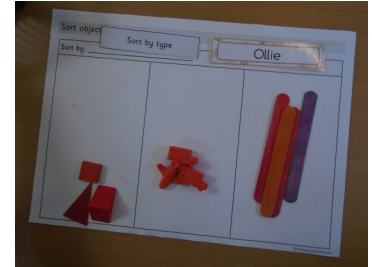
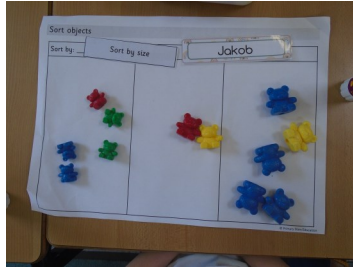
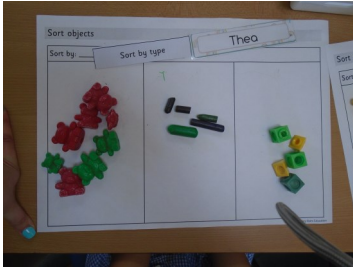
For our Ourselves topic, we have been sharing our chatterboxes from the summer and painting portraits!



We have begun to learn our first weekly poem and are enjoying singing this with actions. We are also listening to our Golden Rules stories and acting them out with the puppets. We are extremely grateful to Emily Bye, Michelle Draper and Claire Abrahams for helping to settle the class.

CLASS 1

Class 1 have made a great start to the year and are settling in well. We have started off our maths work by focusing on sorting objects in different ways. We have discussed sorting things by colour, shape, size and texture and worked hard sorting different things we can find around the classroom.



CLASS 2

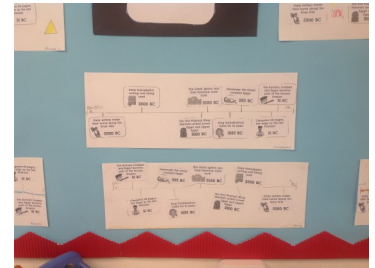
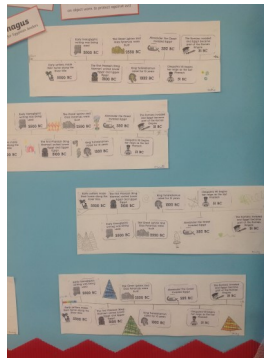
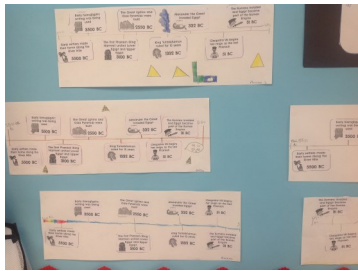
Class 2 have had a fantastic start to the new academic year, showcasing their brilliant attitude to learning. In Geography the children have been studying the seven continents by using their map skills and learning a song. In Science they have begun to look at animals and their offspring as well as life cycles. In PE the children took part in different balancing and stability exercises along with following instructions without words. In many aspects of the curriculum the class have demonstrated their amazing team work skills.



CLASS 3

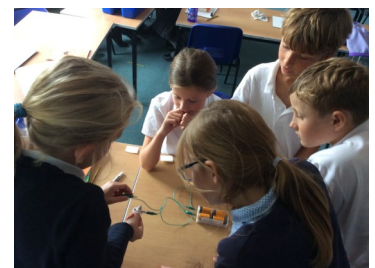
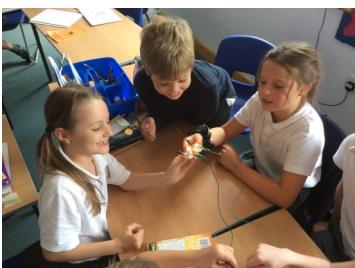
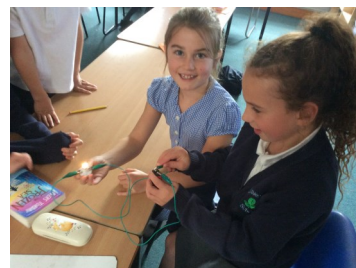
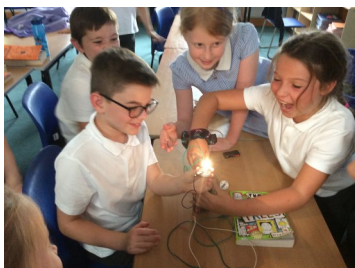
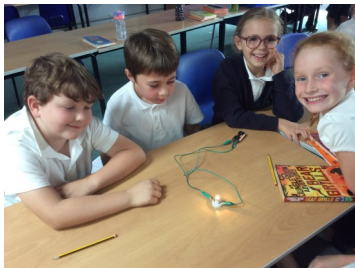
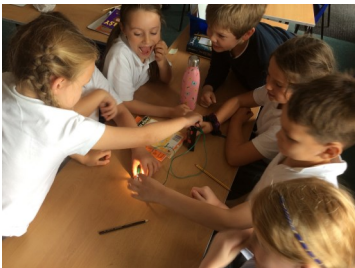
Class Three have been very excited to start French lessons! We have learnt how to greet people in different ways. The children walked around the room greeting their friends, they then wrote their favourite greeting in a speech bubble.

In Topic we have started learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We learnt about what BC and AC means and we put the Ancient Egyptian era on a timeline. We then used our new knowledge to order some of the key events from the period.



CLASS 4

This week in Science, Year 4 have been creating simple electrical circuits using batteries, bulbs and wires. We noticed that by adding more batteries, the bulb became brighter because the batteries supplied more energy to the circuit. However, when we kept one battery and added a second bulb, this made the bulbs dimmer because adding more bulbs decreased the amount of current travelling through the circuit.



CLASS 5

Year 5 have welcomed 3 new children to the class – Isaac, Illia and Thomas - and have been really impressed at how well they've settled in. We look forward to learning some Spanish and Ukrainian from them as the term progresses!

We began the year by thinking about our class values and designing class crests to represent these. Well done to Oscar whose beautiful design is now displayed on the classroom doors.

We made the most of the lovely, autumnal weather to complete our class village walk, following maps to walk the footpaths around Clavering and admire the field views – as well as enjoying some delicious blackberries en route.

The children thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their new Year 1 buddy last week. They spent some time getting to know them and listened to them read. The children in Year 1 responded really well to their "Friend in 5" and are looking forward to our next session; it is a proud moment to see the children together, being so caring and kind to one another. Well done Class 5!



CLASS 6

Class 6 have settled well into the new routines and responsibilities of Year 6. They have started their Play Leader training and have been helping the new Reception children settle into school.



Year 6 are really enjoying getting to know their new buddies in Reception. Year 6 are taking turns to help their Reception buddies at lunch time. They are showing them how to collect their food from the kitchen and helping to cut their food up if needed. Year 6 and Reception have also had a joint play time together to help to get to know each other. Once the Reception children are in all day, they will be reading together during Shared Reading each week too.