



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

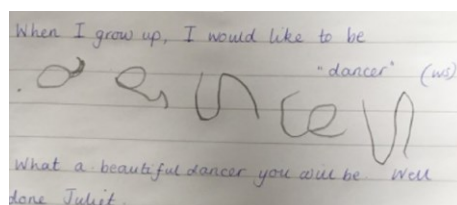
Reception class are settling very well into their school life and are now all full time! We have been learning our very important Golden Rules and starting our phonics programme.

This class are particularly good singers so have really taken to learning their weekly song / poem and are already working hard in their poetry journals at home.

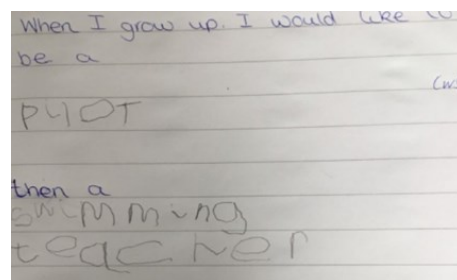
An important prerequisite to writing is fine motor skills. We encourage these skills every day in Reception. When the children arrive in the morning they find their group and complete an activity. This week the children are; squeezing pipettes, pegging clothes, stretching elastic bands onto the geo-boards and tracing patterns on the magic light up boards.



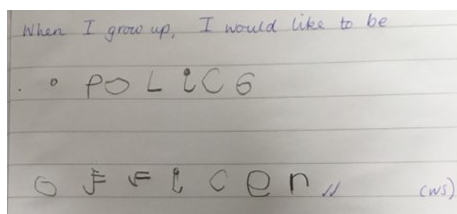
We read the book Super Duper You to discuss how different we are and how it is ok to like different things. Then we wrote about what we wanted to be when we are older!



Juliet



Alex S



Griff

RECEPTION CONTINUED...

This week, we are beginning to think about Harvest, learning a poem about apples. We went to the orchard to collect apples and are deciding what we are going to cook with them!!!



To prepare for harvest, we have been reading different version of the tale The Little Red Hen. This has led to great discussions about helping others in need.

Kitchen Award – we are extremely proud of Cameron who won the very first kitchen award of this school year for remembering to use polite manners every time he collects his dinner. Well done Cameron.



CLASS 1

In Class 1 we have been getting to know our Friends in 5. We have met with them to share our reading books and have most recently joined our classes together to play some games on the playground. We played grandmother's footsteps, duck-duck-goose, hopscotch and lots of other fun games. Some of us have also played with our Friend in 5 at break or lunchtime too. We have enjoyed meeting up with them so far and are looking forward to all of the fun things we will do together this year!



CLASS 2

Class 2 have enjoyed the start to their new RE learning with a theology based question 'Why is light an important symbol?' and we have so far studied Hinduism with the story of Rama and Sita and the celebration of Diwali. Children crafted Diya lamps to remind us that Diwali means 'row of lights'. In Art we have been looking at the artist Kandinsky, with a focus on his circle art work. So far the children have used pencils, paper collaging and paint to create their own versions of circles.



CLASS 3

In Science Class Three are learning about light and shadows. We have thought about how you need light to see things and that dark is the absence of light, we have also thought about how light is reflected differently from different surfaces.

To support this learning, we have made a 'class cave'. This is a total dark space for the children to experiment with darkness. We placed differing coloured piece of card on the cave ceiling. We discussed how your eyes become accustomed to the darkness and you will be able to slowly see more colours as you sit there. The children predicted that they'd be able to see the bright colours first, the darker colours after a while and they wouldn't be able to see the black. Our predictions were correct for most children when they went into the cave. We then took a torch into the cave to see the difference this made on our vision.

