



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 working really hard in class. They are enjoying their morning fine motor skills carousel jobs which are getting their fingers and muscles busy as soon as they come into class. Highlights have been pegging washing, stretching elastic bands, squeezing pipettes and practising letter formation on our magic boards.



We have also been improving our gross motor skills during PE and outside. The children have been demonstrating excellent balancing and climbing skills on the apparatus and great teamwork outside on the vehicles.



We are extremely proud of the class for attending their first whole school assembly last week for harvest and for singing The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow so brilliantly as part of this assembly.



CLASS 1

In Class 1 we have been enjoying our DT topic of 'structures', we have investigated the structures around the school, what they are made of and how they are held together. We have then tried building our own structures using the items around the classroom, we built climbing frames, houses and slides among other things. We will soon be designing and building a new house for the three little pigs.

In science we have been looking at the properties of materials and tried sorting some items into hard and soft or fragile and strong columns. We had some really good discussion about how materials can feel hard but can actually break quite easily.



CLASS 2

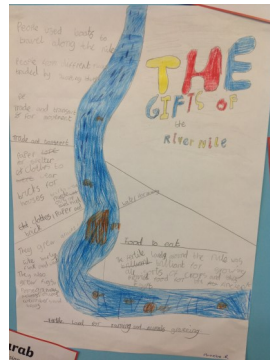
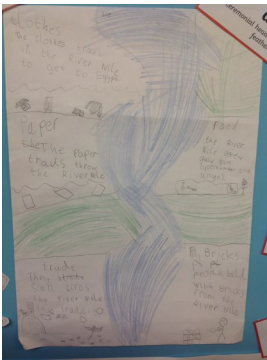
Class 2 have work on their changing direction and dodging skills in PE. First of all the children had to run round the field and see how many cones they could touch in 20 seconds by dodging others and moving in different directions. We repeated this activity three times with the aim to increase the number of cones touched. The children then had to see how many cones they could flip in 20 seconds and again we repeated the activity to see if they improved on their score. We then played a game of pirates and beaches which involved a lot of dodging and changing direction!



CLASS 3

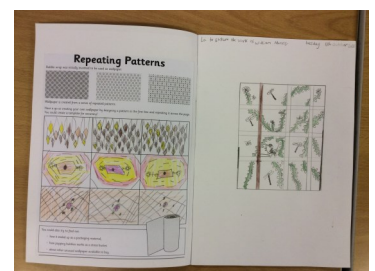
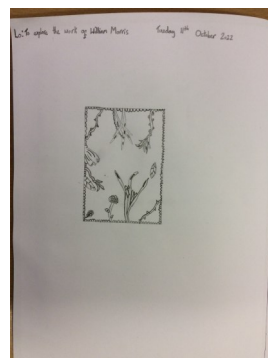
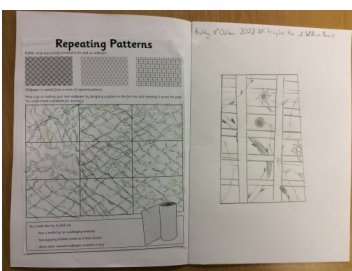
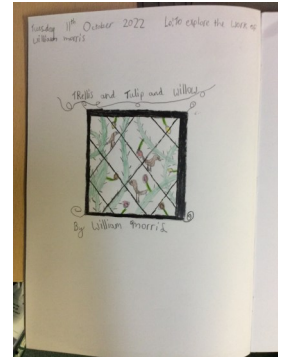
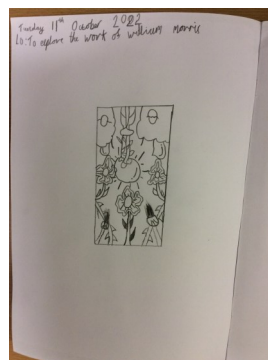
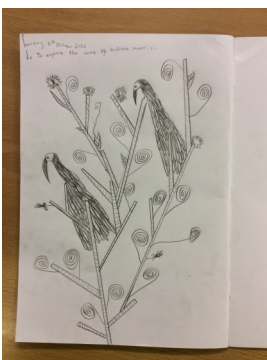
In our Ancient Egypt topic, we have been learning about the importance of the river Nile. We had some interesting discussion about how the river Nile provided not only transport but a way for the Ancient Egyptians to trade and grow crops. The river Nile also helped them build the pyramids as it meant the boats could transport the heavy bricks.

This linked to our Art lessons, we have been sketching sarcophaguses. We thought carefully about the symbols and patterns the Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs would have used.



CLASS 4

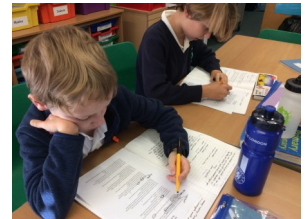
In Class 4, we have been creating nature inspired repeated patterns in the style of William Morris. Next week, we will be using viewfinders to focus on a specific area of our designs and after half term we will be using printing to create our repeated patterns on a larger scale.



CLASS 5

Well done to everyone in Year 5 for a great recital of Keats' 'To Autumn' in our harvest assembly – the children did really well bringing the poem to life with actions and group performances.

We have been looking at more poetry in English, reading and watching an animated version of 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. The children have spotted lots of the features of creative writing that we have been studying and have learnt to annotate the poem to label these features. They have also responded to the poem through art, choosing some of their favourite lines from the poem to illustrate for display in class.



The children have been preparing for next week's cross country competition in PE – good luck to everyone who has volunteered to represent the school, we know you'll do us proud!

CLASS 6

Playleader Training – Class 6 have really enjoyed the work they have done with Mrs Lipscomb on Friday afternoons this term training to be good playleaders. For homework, each member of Class 6 created a game that would be suitable for the younger children to play at lunchtime. On Friday they worked in teams to try their games out with the children in Class 1. It was a very informative and enjoyable afternoon. Next half term the Playleaders will be teaching their games to the rest of the school at lunch time. Great work Class 6!



On Wednesday some of the children took part in a football tournament. In the morning the boys team played six other Saffron Walden schools in the middle- sized school group. Clavering boys won 3 games and lost 3 games, overall coming third in the group. In the afternoon the Year 6 girls played five matches. They drew 2 games and won 3, coming second overall. All the games were close and the teams demonstrated good communication skills, positive team spirit and sportsmanship. It was a fun tournament for both teams and everyone enjoyed the experience of playing so many games. Thank you to the parents who helped to transport the players to and from Herbert's Farm. Well done Year 6 - you were great and a credit to the school!