



# 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. In this edition the classes are sharing their learning from the Autumn term.

## RECEPTION



What a brilliant first term in school Reception have had! All of the children have settled quickly, learning lots and being fantastic friends. We look forward to welcoming a potential new friend joining us in January. Mrs Berrett and Mrs Course have so enjoyed getting to know the children and teaching them lots of new things. It continues to be an absolute privilege working with Reception and seeing them develop in so many ways in such a short time. The children are so polite, already reading and writing, counting, working together and supporting each other. This class are the most fantastic and enthusiastic singers so our weekly poem is always so much fun. Well done Reception for working so hard this term and being lovely children to be with!

Snack Time – this is a special and social part of the EYFS day. This term we use snack as a social time where the helpers collect in the snack mats and help give out snack. The children are all encouraged to use their manners and pour their own drinks. They are encouraged to try new foods while they chat about favourite foods etc. Highlights this term have been naan bread and crumpets!



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Summer Chatterboxes – we try to get the children speaking and listening straight away in Reception. During the summer the children decorate a chatterbox and fill it with special items such as photographs, tickets, maps and personal items. The children then share their box with the class who respond with comments and questions. The children love doing this and it is a super way to build their speaking confidence and for us all to find out their interests and about their families.



Together with the wonderful parents and older siblings at home and our new fun phonics scheme, the children are making excellent progress and enjoying their reading. The children are even reading Christmas books they have received from Santa with their younger siblings – how wonderful. It has been wonderful seeing their love for phonics and reading develop in and out of the classroom. Now they are applying these skills to their spelling and writing.



Forest School – we have so lucky to have some wonderful sessions at the forest watching the seasonal changes. The children have loved it and have showed us many skills that we would not normally see in the classroom – observation, team work, risk taking and resilience. We have some super bug finders and spotters, bridge and den builders and musicians!





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Physical Development – the children have become so confident and strong in their PE lessons. Physical development is a really important part of the early years curriculum. We have seen some amazing gymnasts and some great improvement and learning from each other.



Christmas – we had a fabulous trip to see Father Christmas on the Audley End train. This is a Reception tradition and we all had a super time.



The term has been topped off with a beautiful performance of The Nativity to the children's families. We are so proud of you all Reception. Thank you for working so hard all term and being brilliant in our nativity.

