



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

We're off on a journey, what will we see? What will we see?

We have had an exciting start the Spring term with a new topic all about transport. We have been reading all sorts of books about trains and enjoyed all the Runaway Train stories and The Train Ride by June Crebbin. The rhythm of the words make us feel like we are listening to the train chugging along the track. We had some great pair discussion using images from the books to generate ideas about our own train journey writing. We are going to write descriptive sentences about what we see from a train window.



Some of our descriptive ideas:

A massive old castle with birds.

A river winding like a snake through the country.

People splashing in the river with a boat sailing by.

A crane plunging into the sea.

Colourful flags.

We have also been visited by the Naughty Bus!!! The bus came into our classroom when we weren't there and made a terrible mess. He left us a letter and a copy of his book to share. The bus spent the weekend at Mrs Course's house getting up to all sorts of mischief and now he is going home with each child to have adventures with them. We are keeping a class diary of this.



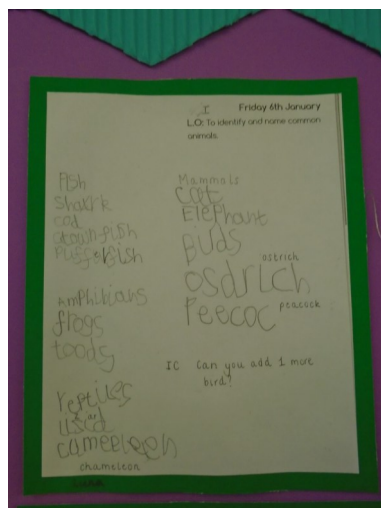
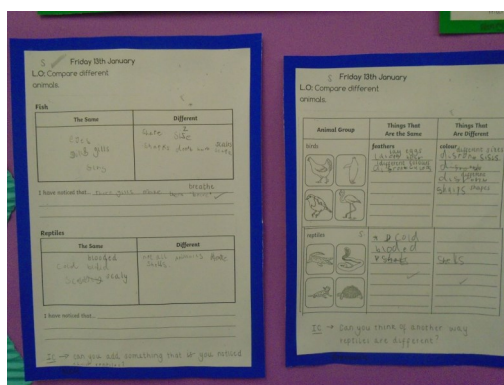
RECEPTION CONTINUED

We were very fortunate to meet Maisie the reading dog for the first time. The whole class went into the library to see Maisie and her owner Louise. Every child went up to stroke her. The children were all very sensible and asked some fantastic questions. We learned the Maisie is eight. She has five brothers and three sisters! Maisie prefers the Winter and she can give a paw when Louise says "Say please!"



CLASS 1

In Class 1 we have been learning about different groups of animals in our new science topic! We have learnt the names for the different groups-reptile, amphibian, mammal, bird, fish- and have sorted animals into their groups. Next we looked at animals within their groups and compared similarities and differences between them for example all birds have feathers but not all birds can fly. We are really enjoying this topic!



CLASS 2

Class 2 have started their new computing topic for information technology 'We are photographers'. This week the children learnt how to take a photograph using an iPad, delete unwanted pictures and began to explore the rule of thirds. We went outside and took different photos from the playground. The children were very pleased with their results and proud of each other successes.



Alfie



Frankie & Reggie



Caleb



Isobel



Delilah

In our Monday PE session we have begun to create a performance piece based on the theme 'Circus'. The children have been working in pairs or threes, moving through one another in interesting ways and listening carefully to the piece of music. As a whole class we have started to create a ensemble section.



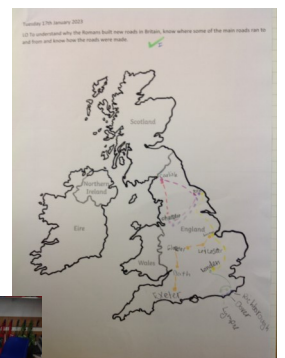
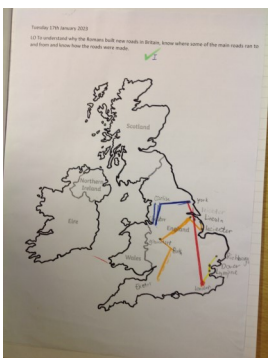
CLASS 3

In Computing we have begun our Topic 'We are Presenters'. The children have decided they would like to research further into Ancient Egypt and then present their findings to a younger class. This week the children have written their research questions (considering what would be appropriate to teach a younger child). They then used these questions to research on an iPad. In the coming weeks the children will prepare their presentation, film in front of a green screen, add images to their presentation and share the finished piece with a younger class.



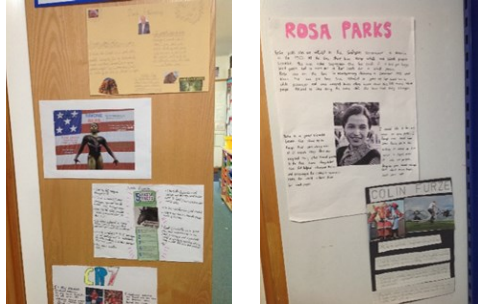
CLASS 4

This term in Class 4, we have been studying the Romans in our Topic and English lessons. This week, we used atlases to locate the famous cities in England where the Romans built the first roads. We connected the routes which included the Fosse Way. This route started from Exeter and continued through Bath, Gloucester, Leicester and finishing in Lincoln. We then used different foods to replicate the layout of a Roman road. We used chocolate chunks to form the rubble, then we used raisins to form a layer of stones, followed by brown sugar to represent the sand, pebbles and gravel and finally we used slabs of milk chocolate for the final layer of smooth paving stones.



CLASS 5

Year 5 have been thinking about role models for the year ahead – they produced some fantastic homework on their own chosen ‘heroes’, explaining their qualities and achievements. We have loved seeing who inspires them.



We have revised the colour wheel, learning about complementary colours, and have produced our own, creative representations of the wheel, mixing primary colours to form secondary colours. Here are some of the children's ideas.



We have been enjoying our new Forces topic in science. Last week, the children learnt that the weight of an object is measured using a newton metre, and is a measure of how hard gravity is pulling on the object. By placing an object in a bag and hanging the bag from the newton meter, we were able to measure the force of gravity acting on it and find its weight. We discovered that gravity pulls objects down with a force of approximately 1N for every 100g.



CLASS 5 CONTINUED

We celebrated winning the best decorated classroom prize for Christmas with slices of delicious cake made by Mrs Coy – what a beautiful cake, thank you Mrs Coy and well done to the children for making such wonderful decorations!



CLASS 6

This half term Year 6 are learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age. As this is an era of prehistory, we are using ancient artefacts to find out about life in this time. We have researched Stonehenge and Skara Brae and are writing reports in English. In Computing we will be using Publisher for displaying these reports in the classroom.

This week Year 6 started their Tag Rugby training with Harrison a coach from Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club who is helping us to prepare for the Tag Rugby tournament next week at JFAN.

Year 6 have made a good start to the Spring term!

