



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 have immersed themselves into the traditions celebrated at Chinese New Year – 2023 the year of the rabbit. We enjoyed saying “Ni-Hao,” for our two registers each day and learning to wish each other “Kung hei fat choi.”



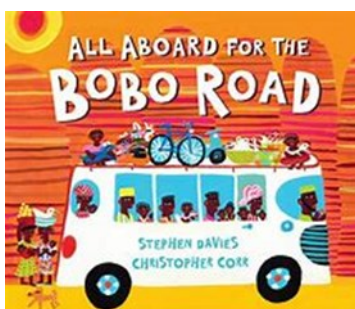
We listened to different versions of The Great Race story to learn about the naming of the lunar years. The children were intrigued that the rat was allowed to win despite not playing fairly!!! We had a go at writing the symbols for the numbers to ten, made cherry blossom lanterns and paper folded dragons.

We recreated our own Chinese New Year Street parade in the hall using claves as fire crackers and our dragon and lion masks, pom-poms and scarves to dance through the streets.

Another highlight was enjoying noodles and prawn crackers with Chinese music at snack time! The children all persevered with their chopsticks.



This week the children had a useful road safety talk from an Essex Road Safety Officer. She spoke with the parents first and then the children joined for a talk.



Our text has been the wonderful book All Aboard for the Bobo Road, a brightly colourful book about the journey of a bus through Burkina Faso in West Africa. We are focusing on our counting skills as at each stop one more item is added the luggage on the roof, and our geography skills following the map of the journey and looking to the wonderful geographical features along the way like the Domes of Fabledougou!



CLASS 1

In Class 1 we have been learning about preparing fruits. We have thought about the different ways that fruit needs to be prepared; by washing, peeling with our hands or a peeler, and by cutting - some fruit needs more than one method of preparation. In class we have practiced each of these methods of preparation and then tasted the fruit we had prepared evaluating the taste and texture. We tried melon, pineapple, grapes, strawberries, lemon, lime, apple, kiwi, persimmon, mango, orange, and banana. Next, we will be using our evaluations to help us design our own fruit kebabs!



CLASS 2

In Class 2 we have continued to develop our photography skills and applied their understanding of the rule of thirds. As you can see, the children have captured some fantastic pictures from the playground.



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Wilbur



Willa



Fraser



Archie



Emily