



# 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.

## Summer Term

### RECEPTION

Reception Class have had a great start to the Summer term joining our older friends out on the playground for play and lunch time.

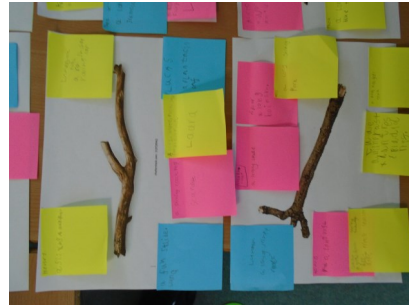
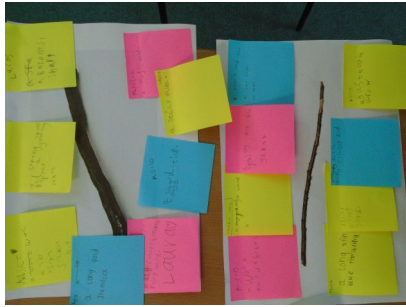
We have started our new topic Once Upon a Time by thinking about the features of stories using the Tales Toolkit symbols:



We discussed how all good stories contain a character, a setting, a problem and a solution. As we listened to a range of stories we, placed the symbol where we found each feature. Then we used the symbols to plan our own stories.

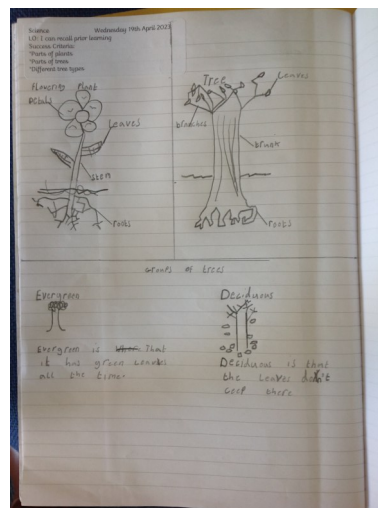
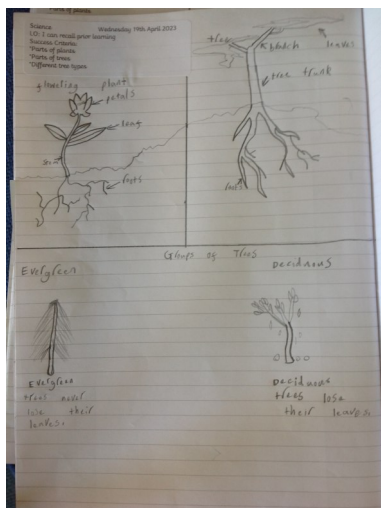
## CLASS 1

In Class 1 we have been reading the book Not A Stick in which the main character uses their imagination to pretend a stick is different things e.g a sword, paintbrush. We have been learning to write lists and labels and have been trying to use our own imaginations to produce ideas of how we could use a stick. We looked at pictures of different sticks and labelled what they could be instead of a stick, trying to include adjectives.



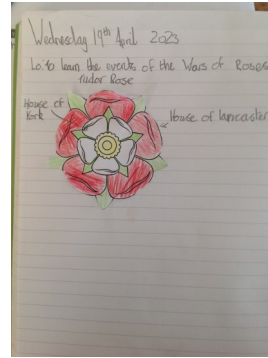
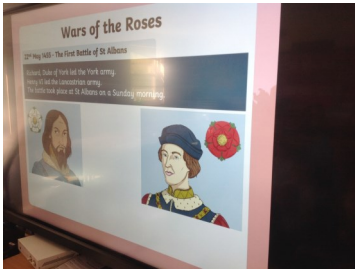
## CLASS 2

In Class 2 to start off our new Science topic 'Plants' children used their recall skills to remember learning from year 1. The children had to draw diagrams of a flowering plant and a tree and label the parts with their scientific names. Following that, the children had to write a caption to explain the differences of an evergreen and a deciduous tree.



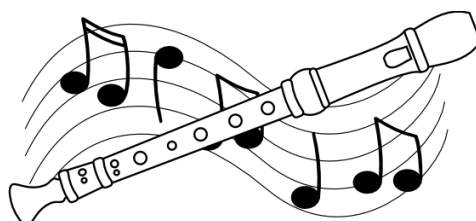
## CLASS 3

Class 3 have started their new topic of the Tudors. We had a very exciting lesson where we learnt about The War of the Roses. The class were split in half. Half were given a red card (House of Lancaster) and the other half a white card (House of York), they had to wave their card when their house won a battle! They then learnt how the houses came together by the marriage of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York meaning the two-coloured roses came together to make the Tudor Rose.



## CLASS 4

On Wednesdays, we are continuing to learn to play the recorder. This week, we played a song called Annie's Granny using notes B and A. Next week, we will be adding note G. We are really enjoying recorder playing with Ms Crosby and we can't wait to perform to Miss Ullmann in the next few weeks!





## CLASS 5

Year 5 have been working hard on their DT projects to design and build a playground for Lego characters. The children have worked in groups, considering each other's strengths and weaknesses in the design and build processes and sharing ideas to revise and improve their designs. They have thought carefully about scale - remembering to measure twice and cut once! - and have been learning to cut and join materials, using scissors, saws and glue guns. Once finished, we look forward to sharing our playgrounds with our friends in Year 1.



## CLASS 6

Class 6 have been working very hard preparing for the SATs tests which begin on Tuesday 9th May. Everyone has returned from the Easter break focused on their learning. All the children are showing a pleasing level of independence and maturity and trying to do their very best to get ready for the exams ahead.

In Science we have started our new topic on Light. We investigated how we can see through transparent, translucent and opaque materials and learnt how light travels in straight lines. We were amazed to discover that light travels from the Sun to Earth at around 300,000km per second!



Look out for the next edition on 5th May 2023