



# 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. This is the first Friday Focus of the new school year. A very warm welcome all the new families that have joined us this September.

## RECEPTION

All of the Reception class children are now in school and are settling really well. The children are beginning to learn the rules and routines of the class and school. We have been listening to our Golden Rule stories: we are gentle, we listen, we look after property, we are kind and helpful, we are honest, we work hard.

We have painted our portraits and are working hard on recognising our names.



## CLASS 1

The children have settled nicely into Year 1. They are in a good routine and have adjusted well to their new teachers. The children have particularly enjoyed meeting their Friend in 5 – they were very excited to meet their Year 5 buddies who will spend some time listening to them read and will have opportunities to play games with them. Please see the Year 5 section of this newsletter for some lovely photos.

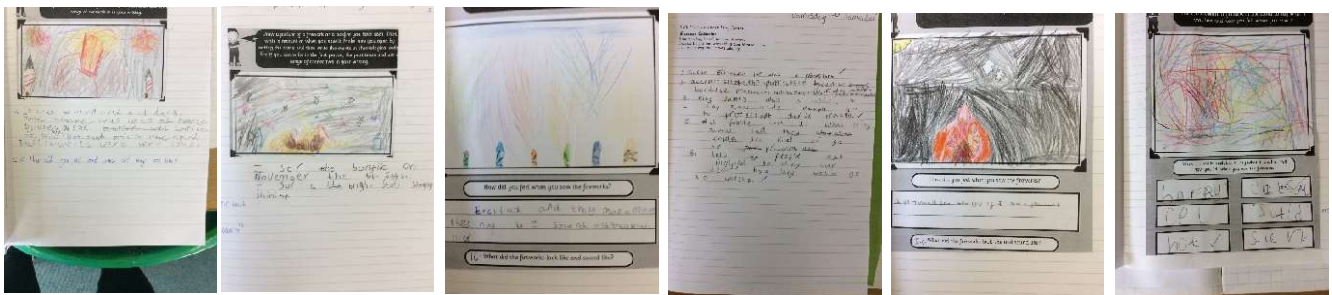
In RE, the children have started learning about how Hindu people believe that to have the best experience worshipping God, we should use all our senses. The children had great fun exploring their different senses by eating chocolate! Those who used all their senses whilst eating the chocolate confirmed they most certainly had the best experience, but those who only listened (!) to the chocolate were a little disappointed! We all got to try the chocolate in the end and thoroughly enjoyed our experience.



## CLASS 2

In Class 2 we have begun our history topic on The Gunpowder Plot. We have begun by exploring Bonfire Night where we have discussed what happens, what we've seen, smelt, heard, and felt while there. We have drawn pictures of what Bonfire Night makes us think of and written about what happened.

We then went on to learn about King James I and what sort of a King he was, we learnt how he became King of Scotland when he was a baby and England after he death of Elizabeth I. We discussed how he treated Catholics and answered questions on this.





## CLASS 3 & 4

The girls in Class 3 and Class 4 had a fantastic time at Chrishall school participating in a girls' football morning. First, they went round stations completing different skills-based activities. After this, they put the skills to use in some mini matches. Everyone had a lovely morning! We hope to see more girls joining in with lunch time football or even football clubs!



The boys in Class 3 and Class 4 did an excellent job tidying up our school allotment this week. They removed the weeds from various beds and harvested plenty of vegetables including potatoes, butternut squash, tomatoes, and sweetcorn. We're hoping to use some of this produce in our baking around Harvest time. Watch this space!



## CLASS 5

Year 5 have been very excited to meet their Friend in 5 buddies for the first time. They had a special extra playtime to get to know each other and to share games. This is what some of the children had to say:

"I enjoyed playing hide and seek with my buddy. He is kind and I can't wait to have so many adventures with him. When I met him, it was the best day ever!" Ruby

"I enjoyed meeting up with my buddy and playing hide and seek with her. I really look forward to reading with her." Milly

"I enjoyed digging with my Year 1 buddy and making bug hotels with him." Tommie

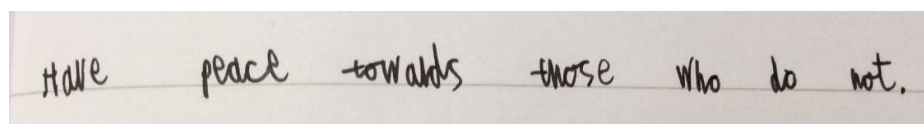
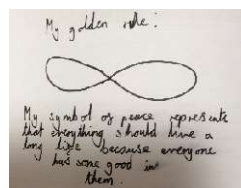
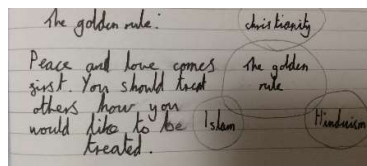
"I am looking forward to making my buddy laugh and to making him feel more confident around other people. I will let him know that I'm here for him." Alexa.

We look forward to getting together again soon.



## CLASS 6

Class 6 have started their Human & Social Science Religious Education topic based around peace and conflict in the three religions – Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam. We have looked at different religious/non-religious symbols for peace and how peace is at the heart of all three of these religions and 'The Golden Rules' in which each of them follows. The children designed their own peace symbol and created a golden rule for their own peace.



Look out for the next edition on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023