



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 had some exciting trips during the past few weeks! We went on our first visit to Forest School. The children were brilliant and listened to the important rules as well as experiencing the wonders of the Autumn season, making music, dens and minibeast hunting! Thank you so much to all our adult helpers.



RECEPTION CONTINUED...

We also went on the miniature railway at Audley End to visit Father Christmas. It was exciting! We were entertained by a brilliant nutcracker and elves. We loved the festive toys to look for on the journey and the sleigh bells in the tunnel. The children all posted their brilliant letters in the special post box. Our train driver was the dad of an ex-Clavering pupil so that was lovely. The children received a lovely gift from Santa, and they were all wonderfully polite.



CLASS 1 AND 2

Recently, **Class One and Class Two** had a special trip to Saffron Hall to watch a live version of the critically acclaimed TV show, Yolanda's Band Jam, (dubbed "Jools Holland for kids"!) The CBeebies star, Yolanda Brown accompanied by her brilliant band, brought the crowd to life with her excellent singing and dancing. She encouraged the children to discover the joys of music through dancing and singing and expanded the children's knowledge about music and instruments. The children absolutely loved dancing along to the music and were very absorbed by what they saw. What an amazing experience for them!



CLASS 3

Class 3 have had a fantastic, few weeks at forest school. We have particularly enjoyed watching how the forest changed due the weather conditions, especially the leaves! We were creative with the ropes making swings, hammocks and even played tug of war! We also loved sitting still and listening to the different sounds. We had great conversations about which sounds were made by which birds. We look forward to going back in the summer!



CLASS 4

In Class 4 this week, we have been recognising unsafe content online and learning about the importance of privacy settings. We watched a 'Play, Like, Share' video and discussed the different characters in the story and the choices they made. We thought about their emotions towards receiving certain messages and the warning signs they might experience to recognise that something might be unsafe. We also discussed manipulative behaviour. We did some role-play to understand different characters' perceptions and their emotions. We then completed our E-Safety booklet in the role of the main character and finished by recapping that we should always speak to a trusted adult if we encounter unsafe content online and we discussed how to ensure our privacy settings are in place.



CLASS 5

In Year 5 we have had a fabulous time researching, taste-testing, and making pies! We have tried savoury pies, sweet pies, warm pies, cold pies, and everything in between! Our market research was very thorough!

On Thanksgiving we were lucky enough to be joined by Mrs Thomas, who educated us on all the history and traditions of Thanksgiving. Did you know that every year a turkey gets an official pardon from the President? A traditional Thanksgiving snack is banana croquettes - bananas rolled in salad cream and crushed nuts... still not convinced about that one!

We all had an opportunity to make pumpkin pie and then enjoy the fruits of our labour. What a yummy few days!



CLASS 6

In art we have continued to be inspired by the artist, Georgia O'Keefe. We took inspiration from her poppy painting to create our own pastel creation. The children worked hard to create different shades of red and use our skills of blending – we had very red fingers by the end! The results were beautiful, and the display has brightened up the Study Room.



Look out for the next edition on
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