



# THE FRIDAY FOCUS



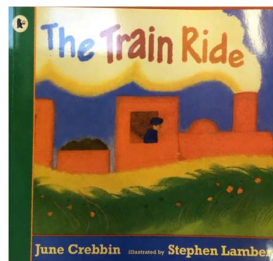
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The fortnightly Friday Focus is the chance for every class at Clavering to share their learning with the Clavering school community. This is a great opportunity to find out what each year group has been up to and engage in conversations around learning.

## RECEPTION

We have had a great start to the new term. Our new topic is Transport and we have been enjoying reading *The Train Ride* by June Crebbin. We have been sequencing the story and discussing the vocabulary. This week, we have been imagining we are on a train and coming up with exciting things that we might see on a train ride. The children came up with some lovely ideas: a boat on a river, a train slowing down and a guard waving a flag, an erupting volcano, a city in the distance with skyscrapers, a dark long tunnel...



We have started to attend Friday's celebration assembly so all the children who are already five went to the front to celebrate their birthday!

Phonics and reading – we are working hard on our reading at school and at home and have nearly learned all the single letter sounds. Soon we will move to the trickier digraphs. The children are fantastic in their Guided Group sessions and are showing great progress in their reading and understanding of the text.



## CLASS 1

Year 1 have been learning to follow and write instructions. They have been learning to use imperative verbs (bossy verbs) and have shown them exceptionally well in their instruction writing.

Last week, children worked together to make delicious jam sandwiches and enjoyed them as an afternoon snack.



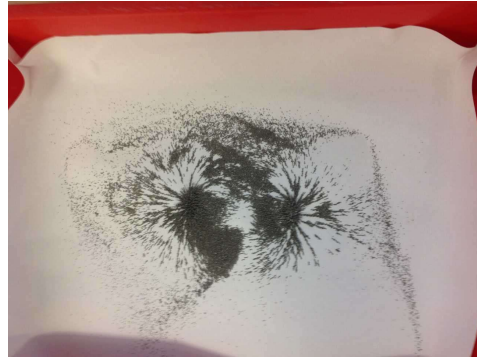
## CLASS 2

In class 2 we have been using the program Scratch Jnr on the iPads. We have been learning how to code by using preset blocks. We have successfully made our sprite shrink and move and change the stage. We moved onto using the coding blocks to create our own program to make the spaceship sprite move from Earth to a new planet. We even added in sound!



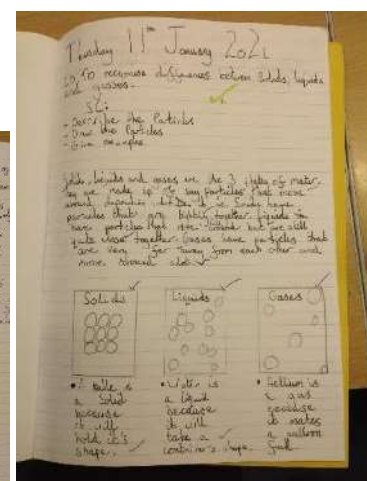
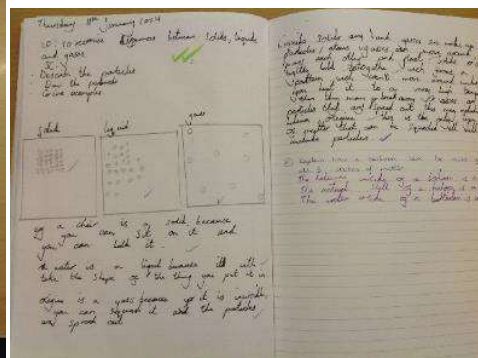
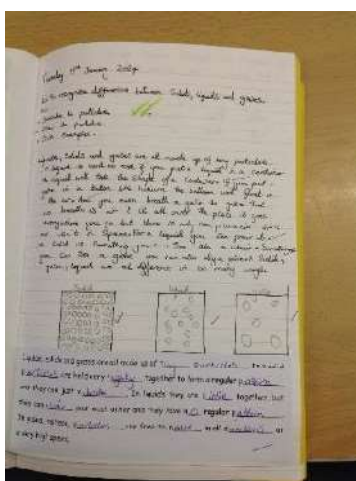
## CLASS 3

In Science we have been learning about forces. This week we have been looking at magnets. We found out that magnets produce a force that attracts some materials. We really enjoyed using iron filings to demonstrate how the magnetic field works. We were then given a magnet and in pairs we went around the room testing which materials were magnetic and which were non-magnetic.



## CLASS 4

This week in Science, Class 4 have been studying the differences between solids, liquids, and gases. We discussed the different states of matter and acted out the movement of the particles for each one. We then wrote an explanation, drew labelled diagrams, and added examples of solids, liquids, and gases. Next lesson, we will be conducting an experiment to investigate which fizzy drink contains the most gas!





## CLASS 5

Year 5 have started 2024 with a focus on positive role models for the year ahead; we have researched and presented our personal heroes for homework, and these now make an inspiring display as we enter class – well done to those of you who were chosen by your children as their role model, how amazing! We are also working on a series of fitness challenges and have begun the year with 10-minute runs, 10 push-ups, lunges, squats, and burpees – by the end of the year, we should be very fit!



## CLASS 6

Class 6 have started their new topic Stone Age to Iron Age. Last week we learnt about prehistory and when the stone age, bronze age and iron age took place. Within the stone age we found out there were three, time periods, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic. Great inventions took place during this time including the canoe for fishing, clay pots for storing water and food, bows and arrows and tiny blades of stone for knives and spears. The children looked at assets to the stone age people and things that could be a threat. We went outside and looked for things that could be an asset to us (if we were stone age) and how they could protect us from a threat. For example, squeeze berries for juice to avoid the threat of dehydration.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024