



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 had a wonderful trip to Aerozone at Stansted Airport to support their learning about transport.

Being so close to the airport runway was really exciting but the activities and talks on offer matched it! The children were all brilliant listeners hearing about the history of the airport, the celebrities who had used it and the different types of aircraft. We were amazed to hear about all the different types of jobs there. The children enjoyed making and flying paper aeroplanes, the science investigations, role play and dressing up. The highlight was walking over to the viewing platform and watching many planes – cargo, passenger and private take off and land. The planes that landed flashed their lights at us and one pilot even wound down the cockpit window and gave us a great big wave! It was interesting seeing the airport terminal and control tower from this angle.

I am very pleased to tell you that Reception class were able to make even more noise in decibels than the average aeroplane! We totalled 114 db where a plane is normally 84-89 db!



RECEPTION CONTINUED



Thank you to Mrs Draper, Chloe, Anna and Sarah who were very enthusiastic helpers on this trip.

CLASS 1 & 2

Last Wednesday Classes 1 and 2 travelled to JFAN to take part in an afternoon of multi-skills activities. Some of the activities and skills they worked on included-throwing and catching by bouncing tennis balls against a wall and catching them. Hockey skills by dribbling in and out of cones with a hockey stick and ball. Jumping skills-completing a speed bounce over a skipping rope. Throwing to a partner by making underarm passes and speed and by racing against each other to gather bean bags then stealing from the other teams. The children worked well in their teams and had a great afternoon!



CLASS 3

In Music we have really enjoyed our brass lessons with Mr Malam. During our first session we selected which instrument we wanted to play for the term. We could choose between the trumpet, trombone or the euphonium. We started to learn how to make a sound using the mouthpiece (this was trickier than it sounds). Over the past couple of weeks, we have learnt a simple tune on our instruments using the notes D and C.



CLASS 4

Year 4 were very excited to hear that Miss Ullmann has had her baby! Everybody wanted to make cards, which will be sent very soon. Miss Ullmann has said that she will come to visit us as soon as she can.



We have also been working very hard in our maths lessons, learning our 3, 4 and 8 x tables. We were surprised when we realised that we knew so many already; using doubling and counting on to help us. We have played games to help us with quick recall.

CLASS 4 CONTINUED

We have enjoyed our Romans topic in History and spent our penultimate lesson using the topic books to research any aspects of life in Roman Britain and recording findings in our own words. Then we used our amazing Roman shields to re-enact a battle between the Celts and the Romans (with foam balls and bean bags instead of arrows and rocks!) In D.T. we researched Roman catapults and designed and built our own simpler version using our knowledge of levers and push and pull forces. In English we have been reading, discussing, and annotating a range of odes – noting favourite words and phrases and examples of hyperbole and why the poet may have chosen them. In French we concluded our 'weather' topic by singing along with an animated group of frogs and an old lady about the different weather conditions in different parts of France. Memorable lines include "À Bordeaux, il fait beau. À Liege, il neige. À Pau, il fait chaud."



CLASS 5

Year 5 have been working hard on their teamwork with extra sessions with Mr Snelling each Monday to develop their ability to take turns, to listen to one another and to play well as a team. They have worked together to create letters, numbers, and objects with their bodies (can you see what they're making here?!) and have worked in groups to devise their own activities, which they are introducing to the rest of the class, organising and running their games to see which work well. We have loved seeing them getting into 'managing mode' and to listen to them taking each other's suggestions on board.



CLASS 6

For our Design & Technology this term we have focused on Food Tech. The children tasted shortbread from the following brands: M&S, Asda, Quickbury, Patterson's and Tesco and judged each one on appearance, smell, texture, taste, crumbliness, and greasiness. They had to decide if they liked or disliked a piece of shortbread and an overall favourite and a least favourite with given reasons. The consensus was the shortbread from M&S was the most enjoyable.

As an improvement challenge the children designed packaging for a 'made in Clavering' shortbread taking into consideration what appears on food packaging.

The children then worked in groups to make four types of shortbread for the class to sample and judge. The children made chocolate flavoured, plain, fudge and chocolate bits & pieces shortbread.

Once the goods were baked and cooled the class tried the finished products and the overall decision was made that the chocolate flavour was the best with the plain coming a close second.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on 8th March 2024!