

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

The children are really enjoying their new topic about space and are learning lots of facts using our lovely topic loan books.

In Maths, we are learning to add two amounts together using magnetic counters and cubes to practice the concept of putting two groups together to make bigger amounts. We have even begun to record our addition using the squares in our books and the symbols + and =.







CLASS I

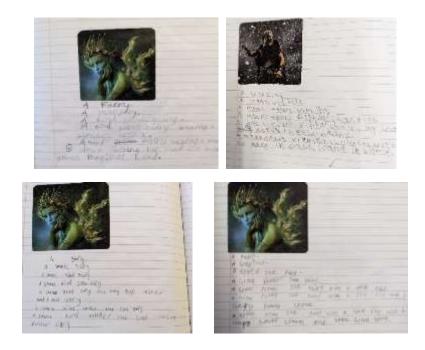
Year 1 had lots of fun in science this week. Two children volunteered to lay down still whilst their classmates covered them in sticky notes and label each part of their body.

Children then had to draw a picture of themselves and label the different parts of their body.



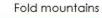
CLASS 2

In Class 2 we have been studying the film The Black Hat which is about a boy who finds a mysterious top hat in the forest near his house. To prepare for our upcoming narrative writing we have been learning about expanded noun phrases (adding extra information and description to a noun). We had a variety of pictures of characters and had to build an expanded noun phrase gradually adding more detail each time until we had two adjectives, a with and information about where the character was.



CLASS 3

In Topic Class 3 are learning about mountains. This week we have learned the 3 key features of mountains. These are a peak, a slope and a valley. We also learnt how the four different mountains are formed:





When two plates collide, land (or even the <u>sea bed</u>) may be pushed upwards and folded. Fault-block mountains



Parts of a fractured plate are forced to move up (while other parts are pushed down), as the whole plate travels forward. The land forced up is a new mountain range. Volcanoes (or Fire mountains)

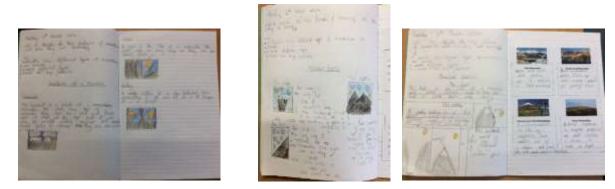


These peaks are formed by a series of eruptions, in which lava gushes out of the volcano's crater. When this molten rock cools, it solidifies, adding another layer to the ground. Over time the volcano grows, with lava from numerous eruptions piling up. Dome mountains



A huge swelling of magma pushes up under the earth's crust, but never erupts. The magma cools to form new rock, but may not be revealed as a mountain until millions of years later, after the weather, glaciers and rivers have worked on the rocks on top that are more easily broken down and carried away.

The children then had to present this information in their book.



CLASS 4

Year 4 have been working with Charlotte from the Mental Health support Team. We have been thinking about the Zones of Regulation and how to manage our emotions. We have been practising using skills to help us - including trying out different yoga positions, controlled breathing, and visualisation. Each week we add to our backpack resources and use the strategies to help us feel happy and ready to work. We have really been enjoying our sessions and have lots of fun.



CLASS 5

In science Y5 have been investigating forces. We have made parachutes and tested air resistance; we have considered forces acting on objects and this week we made boats and tested their water resistance. We focused on making our boats as streamlined as possible to help them glide through the water with as little resistance as possible. We then used a fan to simulate wind and tested how fast they would travel through water.



CLASS 6

This week in French we have begun our topic on hobbies. First, we have learnt different sports in French. To help our questioning in French we created a tally chart of sports and had to ask each other's *Quel est ton sport préféré?* and the person had to reply in a full sentence - *Mon sport préféré est*.... After this, they had to analyse the data and record the number of children preferring some of their sports. For example: Cinq personnes préfèrent le tennis. To continue to build on our maths skills, the children created bar graphs from their data, a few even successfully calculated and drew out a pie chart.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on 22nd March 2024!