



# 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 aliens are coming...

We are really enjoying exploring the characters, plot and repeated phrases in Here Come the Aliens by Colin McNaughton. Having spent last week writing non-fiction facts about space, we are really seeing the difference between fiction and non-fiction with this text. This week we are making and creating aliens which will then write about. We will come up with an alien name, what part of space they are from and a description including any special powers! The creative ideas are already flowing in Reception.



## CLASS 1

The children in Class 1 have been learning about the artist Kandinsky. They have learnt to mix colours and paint their own version of Kandinsky's 'Squares with Concentric Circles' whilst listening to some peaceful music.



## CLASS 2

This week class 2 have had an assembly over Zoom with The Two Johns, with the purpose of making us more aware of how to stay safe when using our devices online. We discussed different games and apps that we might be using as well as social media stars that we might be aware of. We discussed which might be appropriate and inappropriate for our age group. Most importantly we learnt about not talking to strangers online in games and what to do if strangers try to talk to us online. We learnt that we must not give out personal information like where we live or our school's name. We all know that we must tell a trusted adult if this happens or if we see something inappropriate or that we do not like. We reflected on our learning after the assembly and wrote down what we had taken from it.



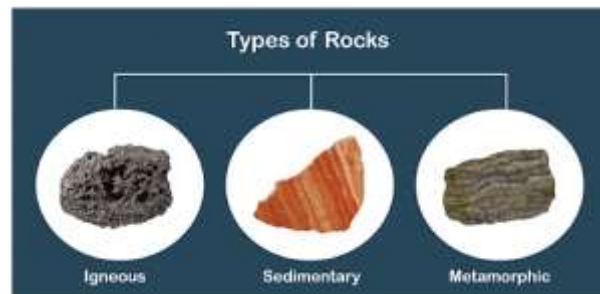
## CLASS 3

Class 3 had an extremely exciting visit this week. Caleb's Mum, Mrs Jones, came in to talk to the class about her job as a geologist and share her extensive knowledge of rocks! It was fantastic to hear about how our science works links to 'real world jobs'. The children also really impressed Mrs Jones with their knowledge of the 3 types of rocks! We'd like to thank Mrs Jones for spending time sharing her exciting stories!

"We loved Mrs Jones coming in because we learnt interesting facts about rocks," Frankie.

"We loved Mrs Jones' talk on rocks because we learnt fun rock facts and how she uses rocks to help find oil," Max.

"I enjoyed Mrs Jones coming in because she taught us some new and interesting rock facts," Elizabeth.



## CLASS 4

In our I.T. lesson the children learned how to compose and record tunes in GarageBand. They selected the classical grand piano option and experimented with the volume, rhythm, and duration of notes – just as you might on a real piano. Then they learned how to record a simple tune and play it back. In Topic we are studying Volcanoes and Earthquakes and last week the children learned about the Pacific Ring of Fire – locating it on a map and identifying eight key sites. They learned about the concentration of volcanoes and earthquakes in this area and compared their locations to the position of tectonic plates. We labelled our own maps accordingly. We will continue to learn about the movements of tectonic plates and their effects on our landscape.





## CLASS 5

Year 5 have been enjoying their reading; we have started reading the Hobbit and have discussed how successful Tolkien was in capturing our interest in his opening chapter. We have also met up with our Year 1 friends to share books with them. We enjoyed revising sounding out unfamiliar words and asking our buddies questions about the texts we were reading. Hopefully, next time we read together it will be dry enough for us to read outside in the reading circle!



## CLASS 6

The children of class 6 had a great PE lesson this week learning skills for tennis. They worked independently as well as in partnerships.

This Thursday was the final brass lesson at Clavinging for year 6. The class were very thankful to Mr Malam for everything they had learnt over the years and Mr Malam wished them all well for when they move onto secondary school.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024!