



# 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, CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2

Last Wednesday, Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 attended Joyce Frankland for an athletics festival. The children were able to take part in a number of activities led by students from JFAN. The children moved round the carousel of activities which included a howler throw where children had to use the correct technique to throw the howler as far as possible; beanbag throw where the children had to use an underarm throw; standing long jump where the children had to make a two footed jump as far as possible and speed hoop race in which children worked in teams to move through a set of hoops as quickly as possible. The morning was concluded with obstacle, egg and spoon and 50m sprint races with one boy and one girl from each class being chosen to take part in each. The sun shone for us and the children had a great morning!



## CLASS 3

Class 3 have enjoyed spending time in the allotments. First, we had a huge task of clearing the weeds, they keep returning due to the weather! Once we had some beds clear we have planted potatoes, beans, tomatoes, cucumber and sunflowers. We are extremely grateful to everyone for their plant donations this year! Over the coming weeks we will continue to weed and water. Hopefully, we will soon have some fruit and vegetables we can harvest. We are planning to make a potato salad and add the other produce to our lunchtime salad bar. Watch this space for further progress from the allotments!



## CLASS 4

In Food Technology, Class 4 have designed, prepared and cooked some savoury puff pastry tarts. We learned about the food groups and the importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet so tried to include ingredients from each group in our designs. We talked about tasty combinations and that we should make the tarts look attractive too. The preparation involved techniques such as scoring, spreading, slicing, grating and arranging ingredients to look appealing. After tasting, the children evaluated their tarts to check they met their design criteria. Most children were very pleased with the results – well done Class 4!



## CLASS 5

Year 5 have been studying the still lives of famous artists such as Paul Cezanne, Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso. They have produced some amazing still lives of their own - looking at shape, position, size and light and shade - and shared them in assembly with the rest of the school. Their work is on display for you to see at Tray Day - enjoy!



## CLASS 6

Class 6 have been enjoying their Science topic of Light. This week we have looked at how light refracts. Light waves travel at a different speed when they go through other transparent materials, such as water or glass. This causes the rays of light to change direction and bend. This is known as refraction.

Refraction creates illusions. Because light bends when it travels between air and water or glass, objects seen through these materials look bent or distorted. After making a prediction, the children drew an arrow on a piece of paper and held it behind a glass of water – they were very surprised by what happened!



In 1666, Newton made a discovery about light that led him to develop his Theory of colour, a theory that still informs our understanding of light today. He placed a prism in front of ray of light, and his observations were incredible. The children took prisms outside as the best and strongest source of light was the sun. They had lots of fun trying to make the sunlight refract through the prism, they then recorded a diagram to represent their findings.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024!