



THE FRIDAY FOCUS

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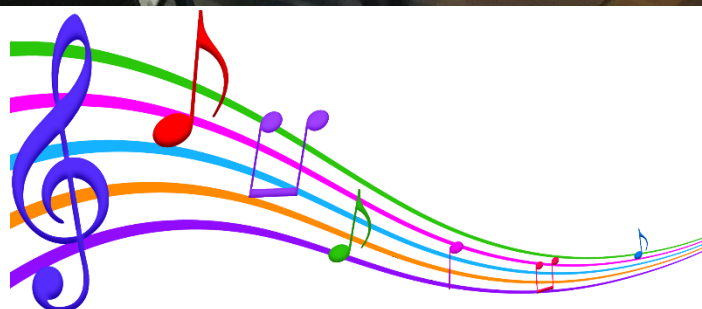
The fortnightly Friday Focus is the chance for every class at Clavering to share their learning with the Clavering school community. This is a great opportunity to find out what each year group has been up to and engage in conversations around learning.



The largest choir in the world!

What a magical day – 40 children from Year 2 to 6 descended on the O2 Arena in London for the Young Voices Concert 2025. Nothing quite compares to the sound of children singing! The children were absolute superstars as were the adult helpers. The children sang a multitude of songs and medleys alongside the Urban Striders dance crew, Tommy Blaize from Strictly, MC Gramma, Dancing Dave and many more. There was a special tribute to Bob Marley and piece written by Jacob Collier. What a special opportunity for us all! A huge thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs O'Brien for preparing the choir and to Mrs Snelling and all you wonderful adult helpers who did not stop dancing and singing throughout!!! Would you do it again Milly (Y6)? **"100%"**





RECEPTION

Reception class have been really lucky recently. To support their learning about Transport, we journeyed to Aerozone at Stansted Airport. We had a wonderful day learning about air travel and spotting planes taking off and landing. We were visited by one of the airport fire trucks which was fantastic. All the children got to sit in the cabin and operate the hoses!!! Thank you to all our great helpers!

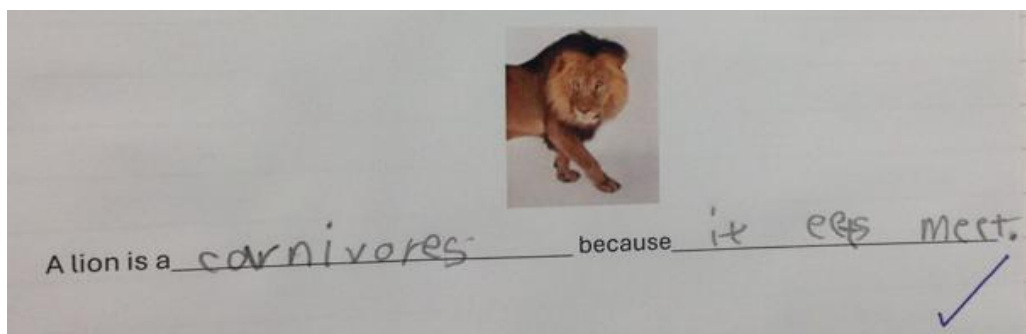
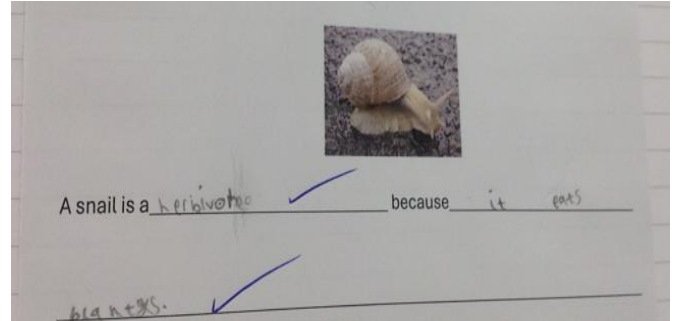
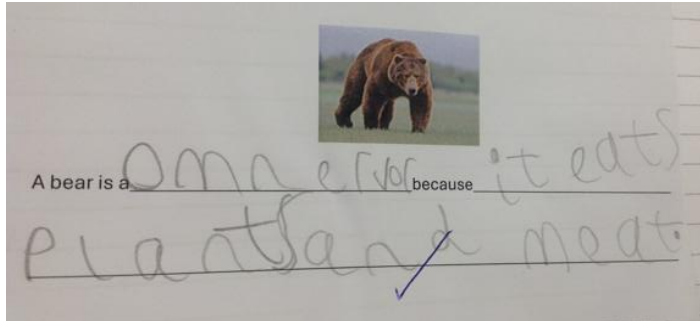


Maeve's Grandad visited us this week with his Motorbike. Earl volunteers to deliver Human blood and baby milk. The day he visited he had already delivered blood to the Essex Air Ambulance Helicopters at North Wield. He told us about the features of his bike and how helpful it is in delivering items quickly. The children asked some super questions. He let the blue lights flash and we heard all of the three different sirens. What a treat. We are extremely grateful to Earl and Maeve's mummy for coming in to see us.



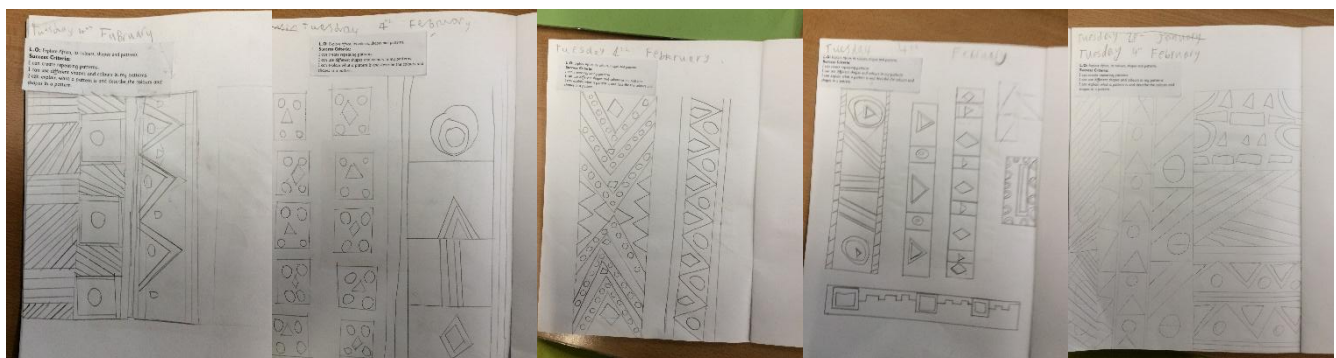
YEAR 1

In Science, Year 1 have been learning all about Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores. We have learned what animals eat meat, what animals eat plants and what animals eat plants and meat. Year 1, can you remember what a Herbivore, Carnivore and Omnivore is? Can you give an example of an animal to your parents?



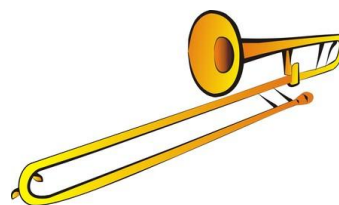
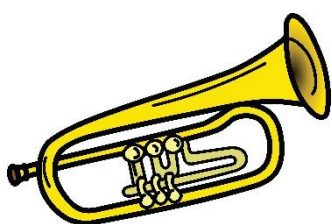
YEAR 2

In Class 2 we have been continuing our work on African fabric patterns in art. We have explored a variety of patterns and how shapes and colours can be specific to certain countries, areas and tribes. We have designed our own patterns thinking about the shapes initially and making sure our pattern repeats. Once we made our first design we then redrafted or tried a completely new idea. We will eventually be printing our patterns onto our own fabric.



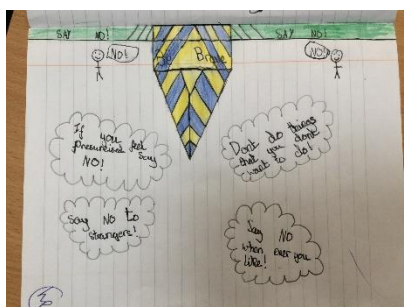
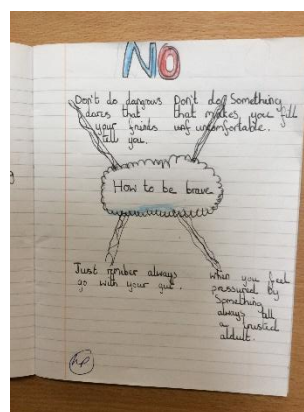
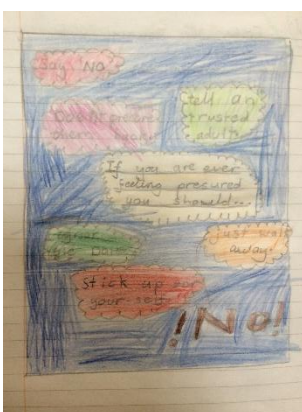
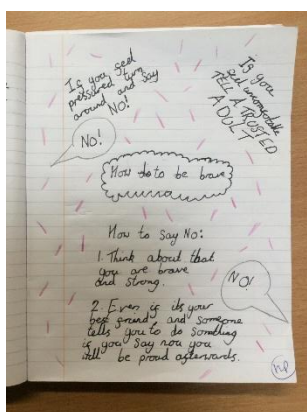
YEAR 3

This week in Music, Year 3 have been enjoying playing tunes to help us practise the notes C and D on the trumpet, the trombone and the euphonium. We listened to each instrument play their part while the others sang the words to the song and the notes to support those playing. We then had a go at putting all the instruments together. We are really enjoying our music sessions so far and can't wait to become even more confident!



YEAR 4

In PSHE this week Class 4 have been looking at how they can choose not to do something that might make them feel uncomfortable. They considered and discussed the dangers of dares, being able to recognise when they might be being pressurised into doing something and to know how to get help. The children recorded their learning in very informative ways.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been rising to the challenge of playing brass instruments with their Wider Opportunities music teacher, Mr Malaam. They are playing trumpet, trombone and euphonium and are learning to read musical scores, to play an increasing number of notes and to maintain the tempo of the music. They have been experimenting with dynamics and altering the quality of the note with the way they blow into their musical instrument. Mr Malaam has been impressed with the class's ability to retain their learning and to pick up new skills - well done, Year 5! (This is all a bit beyond Mrs Rudkin who has not yet managed to make a sound from her trumpet - although she's not giving up yet. Thank goodness for Mr Malaam!) You can see from the picture below how much the children enjoy Mr Malaam's closing activity, responding to music with rhythm and timing!



YEAR 6

On Tuesday, Class 6 had the amazing opportunity to learn the important life skills of CPR from our amazing specially trained guests. Half of Class 6 took part in their training this week and the other half will complete it next week. The children were fantastic learners and exceptional role models.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus in the 28th February 2025