



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 are now all in school and will start their full days next week! We are so proud of how well they have settled – already working hard, doing great listening and acting on the Golden Rules. Each morning, they come in and carry out fine motor skills to strengthen their hands and fingers. All of the children have had a turn at being a helper at snack time helping to collect the snack mats in and giving out the snack bowls. They have done a fabulous job. A huge thank you to all the Year 6 buddies for helping the class at lunchtimes.

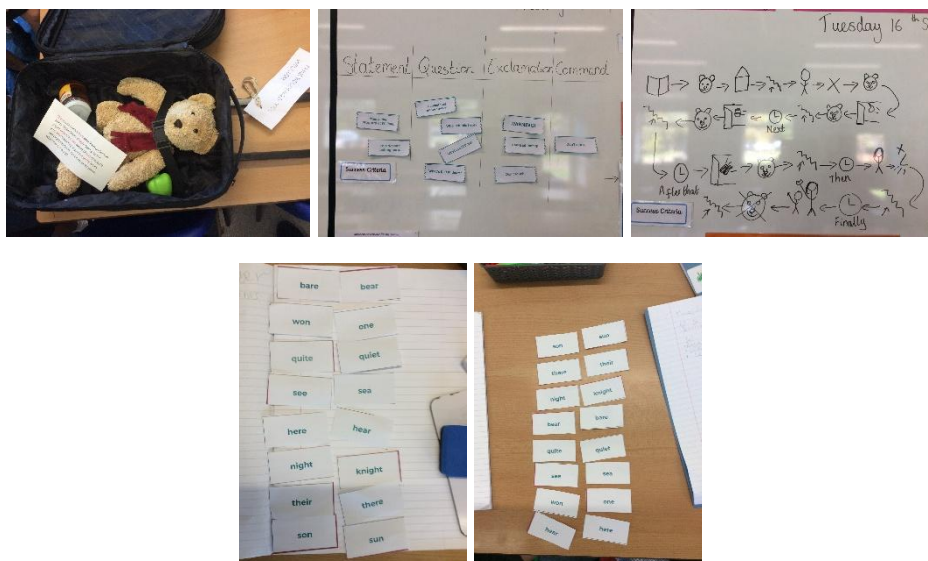
YEAR 1 & YEAR 5

The Year 1 and Year 5 children were all very excited to find out their Friend in 5 buddies! On Monday afternoon, the children enjoyed a Friend in 5 reading session. The Year 5 children choose a picture book from the Year 1 Reading Area, which they enjoyed reading to their buddy. We are all already looking forward to another Friend in 5 meet up soon!



YEAR 2

Last week Class 2 arrived to find some strange objects in the classroom! We have worked out these were left by a boy named William. There was a suitcase with a book, bear, honey and a pear in! As well as some comments from William. Firstly, we sorted these comments into statements, questions, commands and exclamations. After this, we read some of the book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and have realised that William is a little boy who is worried that there is a bear under his stairs! He feeds it honey and pears to try and keep it happy! We wrote a letter to his friend Jemima asking for her advice. We then composed a reply to help William decide what to do with his bear! We read the end of the book at it turns out the bear was imaginary and William didn't need to be scared! Through this work we focused on homophones, synonyms, conjunctions and contractions.



YEAR 3

In Class 3 we have been continuing to develop our literacy skills using the class text of 'The Wilderness'. We started the week by comparing all of the characters, drawing upon relevant vocabulary from our resource the 'zone of relevance' and sharing our selection of words to each other. We followed this by creating a letter of advice, using command sentences with conjunctions and appropriate adjectives. Finally using our senses and the great outdoors we went on a nature walk and created and then shared some fantastic noun phrases!



YEAR 4

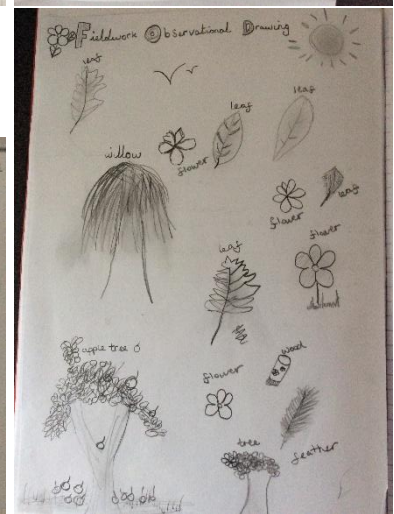
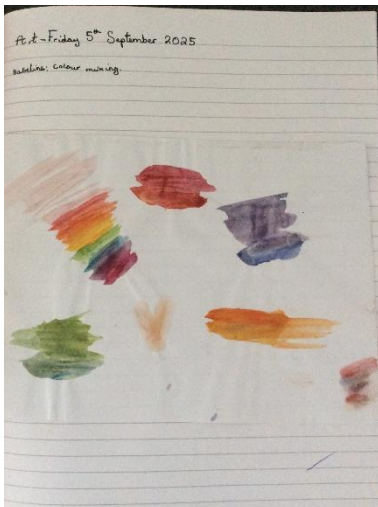
This week in Science, Year 4 have been investigating electrical conductors and insulators by building their own circuits! The children explored how electricity flows by testing a variety of everyday classroom items - including paper clips, spoons, pencils, glue sticks, chairs and whiteboards to see which materials allowed the current to pass through. There were plenty of exciting discoveries as they predicted, tested and recorded their results.



YEAR 6

In art, we are studying the works of Georgia O'Keefe to inspire our sketching and painting. First of all, we completed a baseline of colour mixing with water colours. We then looked at five different paintings by O'Keefe and ranked them in order of preference, wrote about each painting using the stems 'I see...' 'I notice...' and 'I wonder...' and finally explaining why we had ranked them the way we had.

Last week, we went outside and did observational sketches of plants, trees and flowers before coming inside to study and sketch photos of flowers. For our homework we were tasked with photographing a flower up close either in our gardens or out on a walk. These photographs will inspire our next art lessons.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on the 3rd October 2025!