



# 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 have been enjoying some wonderfully fun activities during the past few weeks. We are busy rehearsing our Nativity Christmas Counts – a mathematical version of the Christmas story!

Miss Dunlop from JFAN came and led the Teddy Bear run with us – the class had a great time exercising with their favourite teddy!



We visited Father Christmas on the Audley End train. It was really magical. The children loved the train ride and the dancing elves. They also posted their letter to Santa.

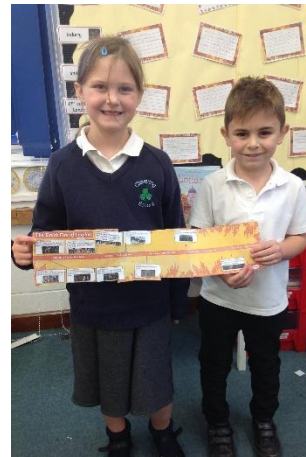


The Running Rabbits enjoyed their second visit to Forest School and had a wonderful time exploring, climbing, digging and den building. It was super to see new friendships blossoming and new skills being learned.



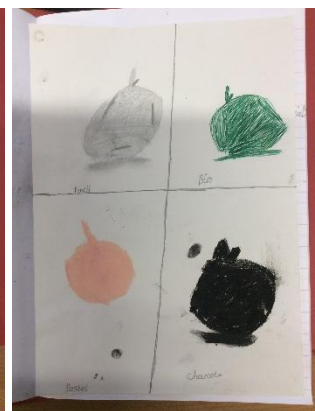
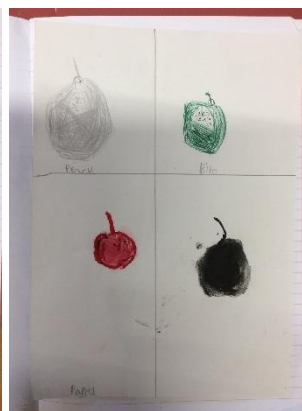
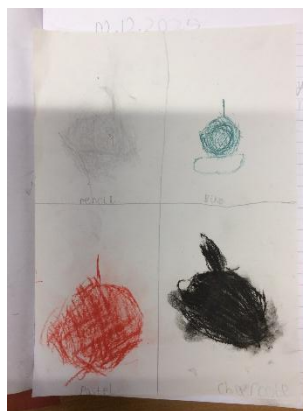
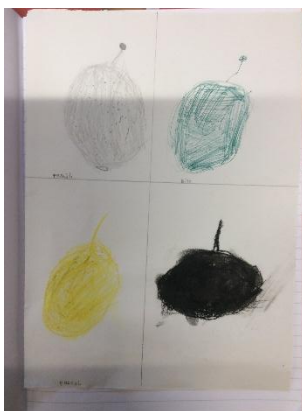
## YEAR 1

As we come towards the end of our Great Fire of London History topic, the children spent time making a timeline and sequencing the main events of the fire. We spent time talking about the events, focusing on the time of day and day each event happened. We are very impressed by how much the children know and remember about the fire!



## YEAR 2

In Art Class 2 are learning about sketching. Last week we learnt and practiced different sketching techniques such as cross hatching, ink wash and stippling. This week we experimented with different sketching materials. We used pencil, biro, pastel and charcoal to sketch an apple. We discussed which material we preferred and why. Most children enjoyed using the pastels because they were easy to smear to build up our sketches.



## YEAR 3

As part of their Ancient Egyptian topic, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful hands-on history workshop this week, stepping back in time to the 14th century BC during the reign of Pharaoh Akhenaten. Throughout the morning, the children took part in a range of practical activities, including making canopic jars, creating perfumes, learning the process of ink-making, and designing their own amulets.

In the afternoon, the class divided into groups to build on their learning in creative ways. One group performed a re-enactment of the myth of Osiris, others prepared and presented a dance and mime, and the final group brought the Royal Court to life through drama.

It was an interactive, engaging and educational day that not only reinforced the children's previous learning but also deepened their understanding of Ancient Egyptian life.

Thank you to all the parents who made sure the children really looked the part and for the parent helpers who supported the day.



## YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have carefully transferred their William Morris style designs onto printing tiles. Using these tiles, they experimented with colour, pressure and alignment to create repeated prints. The results were fantastic!



## YEAR 5

In Art this week, Class 5 have been creating tonal images of Gustav Klimt's 'Birch Forest' painting. We shaded the background to the forest and then used a rubber to form the outline of the birch trees and the branches. We then added dark cuts to the trees and a dark trunk, before adding extra detail to the trees and forest. Next lesson, we will be recreating our own paintings of the 'Birch Forest' using acrylic paint.



## YEAR 6

This week Class 6 went to the forest again with Forest School Leader Mrs Eltis. The children had an amazing time, playing games, rope tying, sawing, drilling, hammering and crafting. The sun was shining brightly for us and amazing time was had by all. Thank you to Mr Anderson for supporting us with walking to and from the forest as well as getting stuck in with the drilling!



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025!