



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 enjoyed a memorable trip to Aerozone at Stansted Airport last week. The children were fantastic listening to a lot of information about air travel and the history of the airport. They shared their knowledge and asked great questions. Highlights were making a range of different paper aeroplanes, dressing up and aeroplane role play and going out to the viewing platform to watch the planes land and take off. This week the class are learning about the aviator Amelia Earhart.



YEAR 1

This half term, hot and cold colours has been our focus in our Art lessons. Over the last few weeks, the children have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with colour, making their own shades and tints. For our final art lesson of the topic, the children created their own version of Kandinsky's Concentric Circles using colouring of their choice.



YEAR 2

In Computing, Class 2 are looking at a topic called 'We are Game testers'. For the first few lessons, we have been looking at current games and testing them, whilst considering what the rules and algorithms could be. We spent this week's lesson looking at the coding behind each game. For our next lesson, we will be considering how to use our knowledge of coding to help work out strategies to ensure we can play a game 'well'.



YEAR 3

In Science, Class 3 have been learning about the rock cycle. We used sweets to replicate rocks and recreated the formation of different types of rock. We started off with sedimentary where the pieces of "rock" were built up and squashed together. Next, we turned our sedimentary "rock" into metamorphic by applying heat and pressure, finally we heated our metamorphic "rock" and turned it into "magma" which cooled to form igneous. It was very tempting to eat our rocks but we managed to resist, we had great fun creating them!



YEAR 4

Year 4 had an action-packed DT Day this week as we became Roman engineers! We began by researching what a catapult is and how it was used in Roman times, before carefully labelling a diagram to understand the different parts and how they work together. Next, we explored a range of materials that we would use and discussed which would be the most suitable for building a strong and effective catapult. Using our research, we designed our own catapults, thinking carefully about structure, stability and how to create a powerful launch mechanism. Then came the fun part - building! Using lolly sticks, cardboard, spoons, elastic bands, string and glue, we brought our designs to life. Along the way, we had to problem-solve, adapt and improve our more complicated designs when things didn't quite go to plan. Finally, we tested and refined our catapults before heading to the hall to see how far our pom-poms could launch. There was lots of excitement, cheering and some impressive distances achieved!



YEAR 5

This week in Art, Class 5 have been comparing the artistic styles of JMW Turner and Maggi Hambling. We started by analysing four of their paintings of the ocean and made observations of their key features and finally we gave our preferences based on colour, tone and realism. We then sketched our own wave in the style of one of the artists and used acrylic paint to bring our paintings to life. We started with darker colours for the background and the deeper parts of the ocean and we used curved brush strokes to show water movement. Finally, we blended in some lighter shades of blue and we used white paint to add foam to our waves. Some of us chose to carefully flick a little white paint with our brush for a spray effect. The children have produced such beautiful creations which we can't wait to showcase around the school.



YEAR 6

Year 6 were very fortunate this week to take part in CPR training. Glenis and Gerry spoke about what to do if you come across someone who is unconscious, how to check if they are breathing, who to call for help and how to perform CPR. The children practised CPR on specialist dummies to the tune of 'Staying Alive!'. After they learnt how to do CPR, they practiced putting each other in the recovery position. The children also learnt where the school defibrillator is, in case of emergency. The children asked and answered questions in a mature manner. We are incredibly grateful to Glenis and Gerry coming into to school to teach this life saving technique as they do this as volunteers.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on the 6th March 2026!