



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

Hobbies Week - A huge thanks to all the visitors who came to speak to Reception class last week. The children were really inspired by your interests.



Concrete Addition - This week we have been asked by pirates to help with their addition in Maths. We have been doing lots of concrete and practical adding throughout our day to see how adding is putting two amounts together to find a total that is more. Some children have even been recording using digits and symbols.



YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

On Wednesday morning, the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children all had a fantastic fun morning at the local schools' KS1 Dance Festival at Rickling Primary School. The Reception children performed a space themed dance' the Year 1 children performed to 'Cha Cha Slide,' and the Year 2 children performed a pop mega mix. The children all performed brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves!



YEAR 3

In our English lessons in Class 3, we have started studying the book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. We launched our unit by responding to the Royal Tea Taster's request for apprentice tea tasters by having a tea tasting session where we tasted 4 mystery teas and recorded our thoughts on the taste and smell on our white boards. We then used our notes to write appealing descriptions to prove that we had what it takes to be an apprentice tea taster!



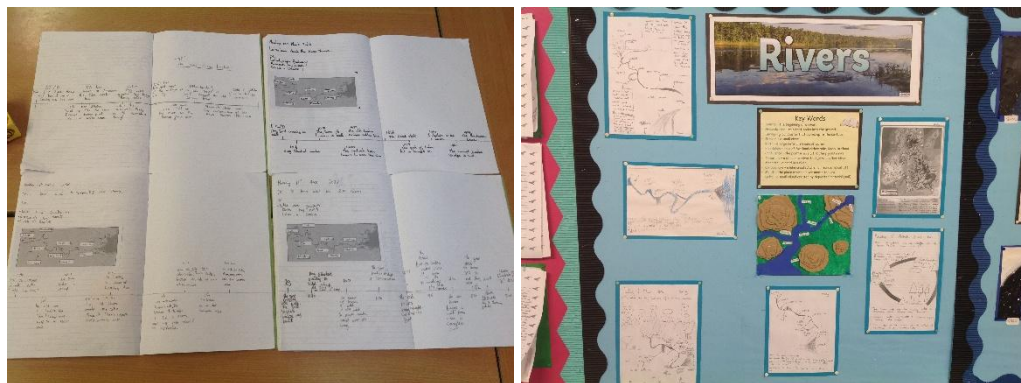
YEAR 4

Year 4 had a lovely morning helping the Berden community by making willow crosses for an upcoming village event. The children gathered sticks and used willow to bind them together, working brilliantly as a team throughout. They then wrote tags to go with each cross, ready to hand over soon. It was a great way to get involved in the local community.



YEAR 5

In Geography, Class 5 have been enjoying their new topic all about Rivers. Last week, we enjoyed an interactive session as part of Hobbies Week all about Water Conservation. We also drew detailed diagrams to show the different features of a river. This week, we researched the River Thames and created a timeline where we added key historical events such as the construction of London Bridge, the Frost Fairs, The Great Stink of 1858 and the impacts of both World Wars.



YEAR 6

This term, our Design & Technology focus is food. This week we have learnt about a balanced diet (which links with our science a few weeks back), explored the 'Eatwell Plate' and surveyed one another for our favourite biscuits. On Wednesday we took our next steps towards our final product, the all-important testing an existing product. We tested many biscuits considering appearance, crumbliness and smell amongst other factors, we then decided our favourite and least favourite giving reasons behind our decisions. On Thursday, we learnt about food safety and hygiene in the kitchen in preparation for making a healthy alternative to a biscuit next week.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on the 17th April 2026!