



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

Last week, we enjoyed designing and making a space model. We used lots of recycled material and made a variety of models including; an astronaut, rockets, satellites, launch pads and flying saucers. It was wonderful observing the children problem solve, create and improve as they worked. We definitely have some future product designers and engineers in the making!



YEAR 1

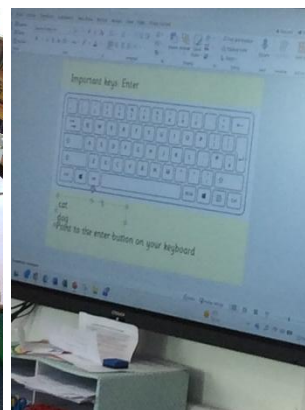
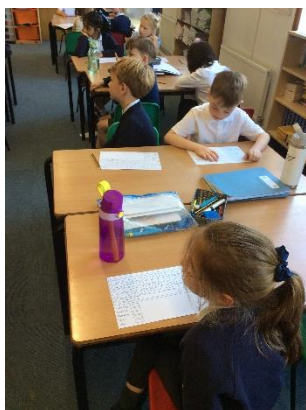
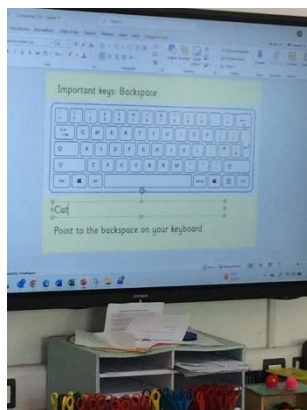
Last week, the Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed designing, making and evaluating their own fruit salad as part of their Design and Technology lessons. We spent time discussing and comparing different types of fruit before choosing a maximum of 5 fruits to include in their fruit salad. In pairs, the children worked well together to cut and prepare their fruit salad, and all enjoyed eating it before the end of the school day!



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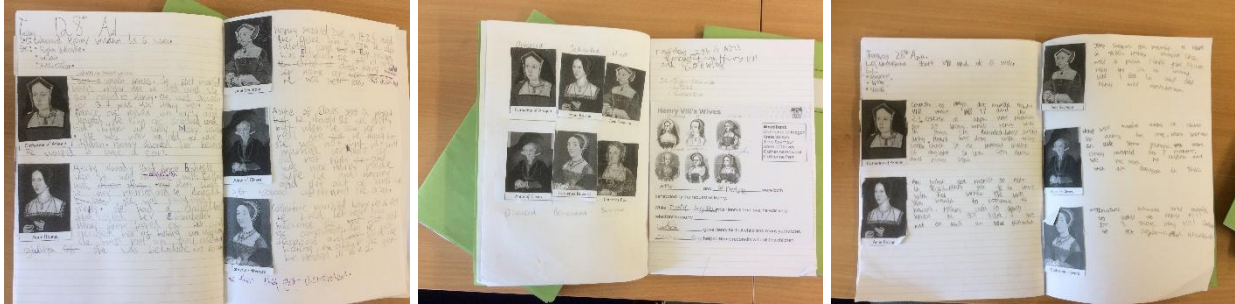
YEAR 2

In computing, Class Two have been learning about basic typing skills as well as how to use Microsoft PowerPoint. This week we were given our own individual keyboards and had to find specific keys/ learn to type on them. In the coming weeks we will be putting our skills to the test by creating our own PowerPoint presentation.



YEAR 3

In Class 3 we have been enjoying our new history topic studying the Tudors. We have learnt about the War of the Roses and the Tudor line of succession. This week we learnt about Henry VIII and his six wives, we discussed who his wives were, when they married and how the marriages ended before recording our understanding.



YEAR 4

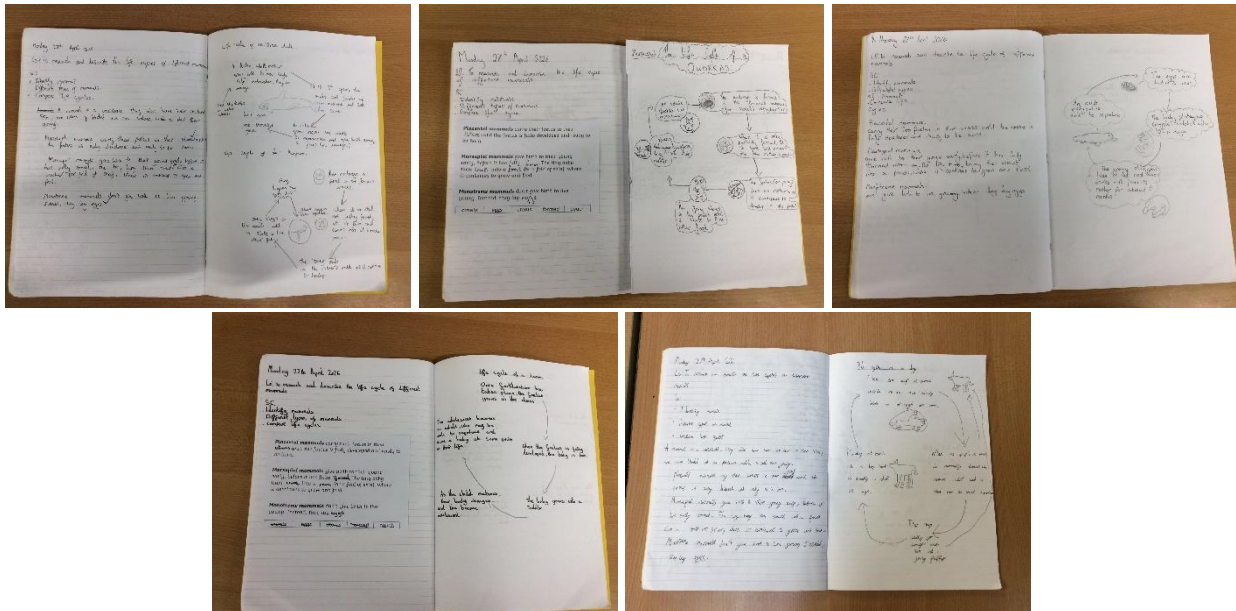
Year 4 had a fantastic time in their recent science lesson, investigating whether the type of chocolate affects how quickly it melts. Working in small groups, the children tested milk, white, and dark chocolate under the same controlled conditions. They carefully measured the weight of each sample, monitored the temperature, and timed how long it took for each type to melt.

The results were unanimous—different types of chocolate do melt at different rates! The children showed great scientific thinking as they recorded their observations and discussed their findings. Although the experiment was a great success, there was one small disappointment... the melted chocolate was not suitable for eating!



YEAR 5

In Science this week, we have been learning about the different types of mammals: placental mammals (they grow their young inside the womb until they are fully developed), marsupial mammals (they give birth to their young early and then they continue to grow in their mother's pouch) and monotreme mammals (they lay eggs). We chose examples of different species of each mammal and then drew a labelled diagram to show their life cycles.



YEAR 6

Last Friday, we welcomed a new brass teacher to school – Mr Thomas. Class 6 demonstrated their skills that they had previously learnt with the wonderful Mr Malam, which impressed Mr Thomas! The children will be taking part in brass lessons for the next five weeks and I look forward to hearing their performance piece!



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on the 15th May 2026!