



THE FRIDAY FOCUS



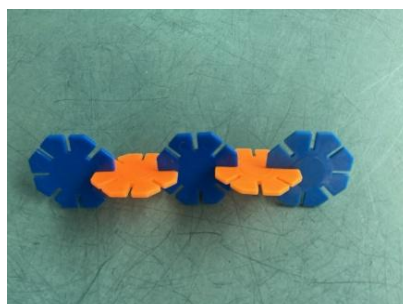
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The fortnightly Friday Focus is the chance for every class at Clavering to share their learning with the Clavering school community. This is a great opportunity to find out what each year group has been up to and engage in conversations around learning.

RECEPTION

Having made butterflies last week with symmetrical wings, we have been exploring pattern further. We went on a pattern hunt around the school and found so many! Then we studied a range of repeating patterns and then made and extended our own. We thought about colour, shape, position and size.



YEAR 1

In our English lessons this week, we have begun exploring the text 'The Sea Saw.' On Monday, the children all thoroughly enjoyed bringing in their own teddy bears, introducing them to the class and telling us about them. The children then wrote labels explaining who the bear belonged to and we discussed famous teddy bears like Paddington who have a label around their neck.



YEAR 2

This week, we completed our latest computing topic, where we have been learning how to be safe and responsible researchers. In the unit, we explored how to use the internet safely and sensibly to find information, as well as discussing what to do if we come across something unexpected or worrying online.

To put our new skills into practice, we used iPads to research facts about penguins and created mind maps to organise our ideas. In our final lessons, we used the information we had collected to create PowerPoint presentations to showcase our learning.



YEAR 3

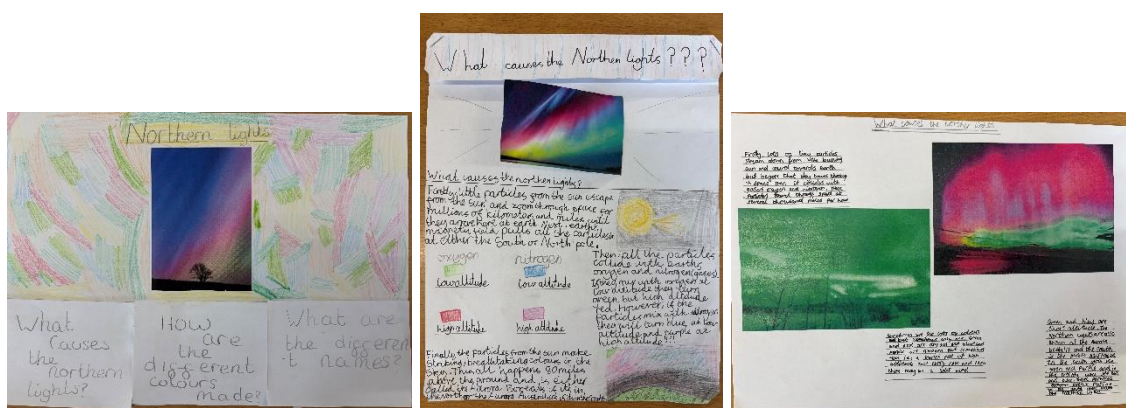
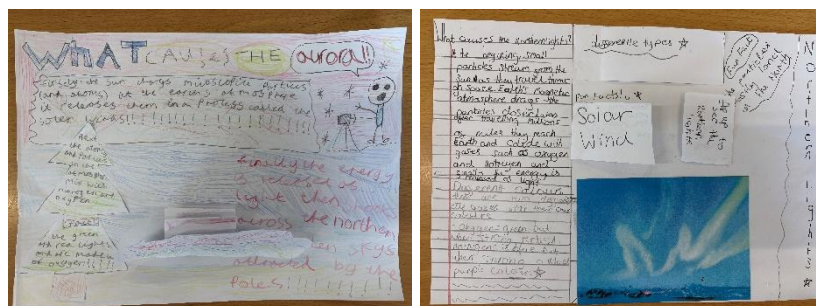
In Class 3 we are learning about plants in Science. This week we have been learning about water transportation and how the roots take in water and nutrients from the soil which then travels up the stem to the leaves so that the plant can make its food. We replicated this process using paper towel and coloured pens. We drew a square of felt tip on our paper towel and then hung it over the edge of a cup of water. The "roots" (edge of the paper) absorbed the water and travelled up the "stem" (paper towel) taking the "nutrients" (ink) with it. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the ink travel and then wrote explanations of water we observed and how it related to water transportation in plants.



YEAR 4

This week in English, Year 4 have been busy researching and creating explanation texts all about how the Northern Lights are formed. Linking to our class book *The Ever-Changing World*, the children have been learning about the amazing natural processes that shape our planet.

They discovered that the Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis, are created when tiny particles from the Sun travel through space and collide with gases in Earth's atmosphere. These collisions create beautiful colours of green, pink, purple and blue that light up the night sky.



YEAR 5

Class 5 have been busy becoming young engineers this week as they designed and built their very own pulley systems in DT. Using simple materials—a plastic bottle, a sturdy stick, cardboard and string—they explored how pulleys make lifting easier. The children sketched their ideas, tested different ways to thread and secure the string, and thought about how to use tools for cutting and gluing safely and effectively. It was brilliant to see their teamwork, problem-solving and creativity shine.



YEAR 6

Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential this week at Bawdsey Manor. The children absolutely loved the experience (some wanted to stay longer!) and tried lots of new things. We received many lovely comments from instructors about how brilliant our children were! Mrs Neal and Miss Morton witnessed many examples of teamwork, kindness, cheerleading and support – we were incredibly proud of all of them.



More photos on the next page...



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on the 3rd July 2026!