



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

The As part of our morning routine, Reception class discuss the day, the month and the season. This week we are learning a song / poem all about Autumn leaves. So, we have been decorating trees with leaves in brown, red, orange and yellow. We used broccoli to stamp the leaf colours and it was very effective.

Well done, Reception, they will look lovely up in the classroom.



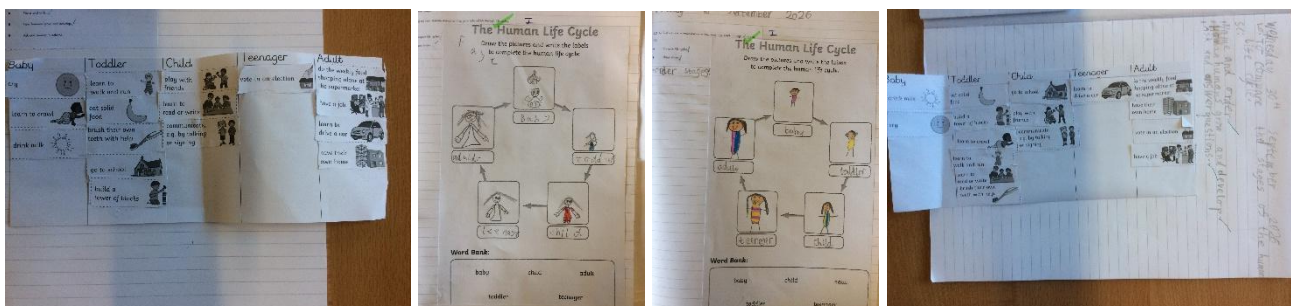
YEAR 1

On Monday afternoon, the children arrived back at the classroom to find a mystery rucksack on our classroom floor with the label 'Astrid's bag.' The children enjoyed exploring the bag and discovering a range of objects including ear defenders, a mini rocket, a notepad and pen. They then made predictions about the bag, considering who it could belong to, where that person may be going and what they may be doing.



YEAR 2

In Science, Class 2 have been learning about the life cycles of different animals before focusing on the human life cycle. We learned about the five stages of human growth: baby, toddler, child, teenager and adult. The children discussed how we change as we grow and explored the different things we learn to do at each stage. We then worked together to sort a range of milestones into the stage of life where they are most likely to happen. This helped us understand how people grow and develop over time.



YEAR 3

This week in Topic, we have been learning all about Ancient Egyptian pyramids. We started by becoming pyramid builders ourselves: using Play-Doh and making sure our pyramids had a square base and triangular sides.

We then discovered more about the real pyramids of Ancient Egypt, including the different types of pyramids, why they were built, where they were built and how historians think they were constructed. We visited Egypt using an interactive map to see the pyramids for ourselves and learned that the Great Pyramid of Giza took over 20 years to build and contains more than 2.3 million bricks. We couldn't believe that people were able to build such incredible structures over 4,500 years ago without any of the technology we have today!

We also learned how pyramids were connected to our previous lesson on pharaohs, Ancient Egyptian beliefs and life after death.

To finish our learning, we created and built our own 3D paper pyramid fact files, summarising the key facts we had learned about these amazing structures.



YEAR 4

This week in Topic, we learnt about famous inventions that were created during the Victorian era, such as the postage stamp, the telephone and the flushing toilet. Through our discussions, we explored why inventions are important and how they can solve problems. The children identified the problems that some Victorian inventions solved and considered how these inventions changed people's lives.

To finish the week, the children thought about problems that we encounter in our own lives today. They then designed their own thoughtful solutions and presented their ideas to the class.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been having a great time performing this week as we continue learning Livin' on a Prayer! We have been practising the lyrics and rhythm and have now added glockenspiels to our performance. After learning the notes B, A and G, we challenged ourselves to put them all together and play in time with the music. We have been working hard, listening carefully and having lots of fun making music together.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have had another brilliant learning time in class – fantastic focus on long multiplication and recapping short division in preparation for the exciting long division! In English we have been working on our text 'The Arrival' which has put our inference skills to the test. I have been very proud of class 6 over our last two RE lessons where we have been looking at the two peaceful activists Dr. Martin Luther King Jnr. & Malala Yousafzai. The children have dealt with the sensitive topics maturely, asked inquisitive questions and made sensible comments.

Children in class 6 have had the opportunity to begin Play Leader training at the 'Mr Snelling Play Leader Academy'. This week they prepared and delivered games to the Reception Class. Mrs Course and Mrs Berrett were very impressed with their imagination, skills and the ability to engage the younger children.



Watch out for the next edition of the Friday Focus on 16th October 2026!