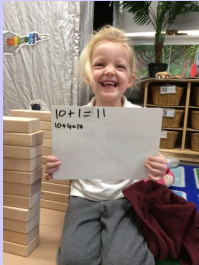


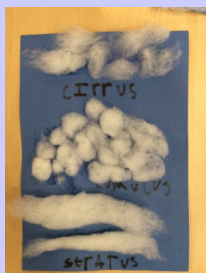
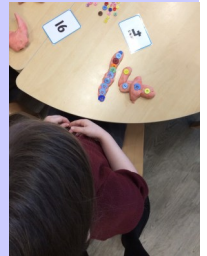
Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday, as the snow finally decided to disappear. I am sure that half term holiday provided lots of opportunities for snow related activities, the children certainly seemed to be having fun sledging down the slopes near the sports fields!

We are now in our last half term of the year with lots of exciting learning planned (including of course FIXMAS), it is also a time of change with many families leaving us throughout the half term, some families arriving and many of our families returning to the UK for a well earned holiday in the winter months here.



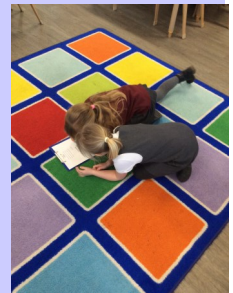
In maths this week in EYFS, the girls have been exploring teen numbers. We have noticed that they are made up of one ten and some ones and have been practising counting on from 10 rather than starting from one each time. We have built teen towers and made numerals out of Play-Doh.



This week in Key Stage 1 the children have been learning about different kinds of clouds and the weather they bring.

They have also been working together on finding rhyming words in A.A. Milne poems and explaining what we liked and didn't like about them.

A request from Miss Sear for KS1's PSHE Jigsaw lesson next week. Please can the children bring in two photographs of an older relative. One of these photographs needs to be of them recently/now and one of these photographs of them when they were younger.



This week Falcons have been learning about scaling up and down in maths, we measured furniture then we had to scale it up.

In geography we have been learning all about 4-figure grid references, we used these to find places we have visited.



Meadowlarks have had a busy first week back, working hard discovering Tolkien's 'The Hobbit' and covering revision topics in maths. We also have been continuing our work on Mayan culture learning about diet, foods and Mexican delicacies.



Sports lessons

From the 14th June for 4 weeks we have kindly been granted the use of the squash courts for extra PE sessions. The children will be travelling to and from the squash courts via mini bus. Please can you ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit in school otherwise they will be unable to take part in the session.

Leavers:

Yesterday we said goodbye to Emilia and her family as they head off to pastures new in Paris. We also said goodbye (a few days early) to Isla, Connor and their family as they prepare to head off to Canada. I know how excited Connor is about seeing all the new wildlife from coyotes to bears!

Staff News

On the 1st July we say goodbye to Mrs Kate Harris one of our LSA's who is returning to the UK with her husband. Kate will be taking up a position as a Secondary School Geography teacher in September and I am sure will do a fantastic job in this role. We wish Kate and her husband well in their new adventures.

By the end of the summer term we will be saying a sad goodbye to the following members of teaching staff: Mrs Louise Deane, Mr Jon Deane, Mrs Clare Scott, Miss Gemma Sear, Mrs Helen Hughes and Mr Luke Smith. We would like to thank them all for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication whilst at Mount Pleasant School, they will all be truly missed.

As you can therefore imagine, since my arrival and discovering that I had few teachers remaining in the new academic year, I have been busy recruiting teaching staff ready for the new school year. As the classes are finalised for the new year. I will notify families of the arrangements for September 2021.

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 15th June Questionnaire about school lunches to be sent out**
- **Wednesday 23rd June Chefs in school working with children**
- **Thursday 24th June Chefs in school working with children**
- **Friday 25th June - Wear your FIXMAS/Christmas jumper to school - Voluntary donation of £1 per child going towards the sponsoring of the Antarctic expedition**
- **Friday 25th June at 11-11:30 Parents invited into school to taste Fixmas foods from around the world**
- **Friday 2nd July Golden Assembly at 10:00 with a Musical performance by children at MPS please come and join us**
- **Thursday 22nd July 13:00 school finishes for the Holidays**
- **Monday 30th August 2021 new School Year starts for Children**

We wish you all a fun and enjoyable weekend from all the staff at MPS.