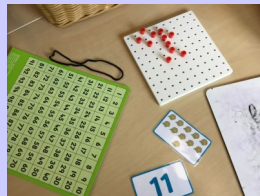


## Dear Parents

Where has this half term gone! It is hard to believe that it is half term next week. There has been some amazing work this term in all classes. This week I have really enjoyed:

- Watching the children in EYFS become more confident and independent
- Sharing the amazing stories that have been written by the children in Caracara class
- Looking at the detailed and colourful mosaics that the children in Falcon class have so patiently completed
- It was fabulous to see the great team work and bouldering at Tumbledown Gym this morning.

**EYFS:** This week in EYFS our focus story has been 'Guess How Much I Love You'. We have had a focus on fine motor skills using a pincer grip to write, thread beads and tear paper. We have also been printing, counting out amounts and have explored the themed sensory tray which was filled with red rice and glitter. We have been really lucky this week to use the outside area every day to enhance our continuous provision.



## Caracara Class:

Caracara class have learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees this week in science. We used careful observations to paint the shape of a British tree and draw the shape of the leaf to match the tree. The colours represent deciduous trees in summer and autumn. In English Mrs. Hill has been blown away by the stories the children have written this week. She is extremely proud of every pupil in the class. Each child showed perseverance and determination to complete a fantastic story. Please do come in and read your child's story when you get a chance. In maths we have been measuring in cm's and m's. We have also been revising telling the time. The year 1s are now very good at telling the time to o'clock and half past the hour whilst the year 2s have been working hard at telling the time in 5 minute intervals. In PSHE we have talked about what makes a good friend. We had different opinions after we gave examples or spoke of our own experiences.



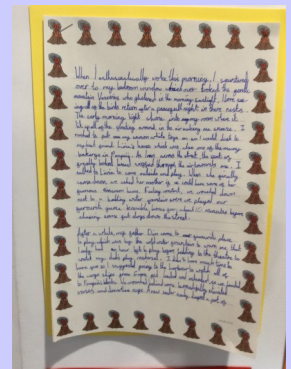


**Falcon Class:**

This week Falcon class have been busy completing our Roman mosaics which have made a beautiful display in the corridor. The children were asked to design a mosaic around food, plants or animals which were some of the main representations in real mosaics from the time period. Everyone has done a fantastic job and really taken care over the placement of their tiny squares! In English, the children have completed their diary entries about an Escape from Pompeii and they have moved on to

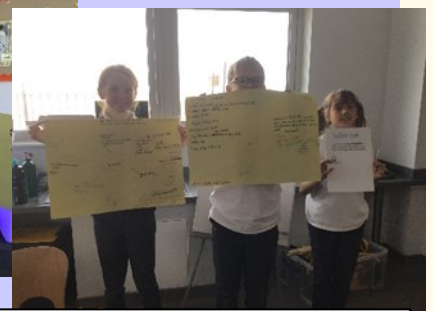
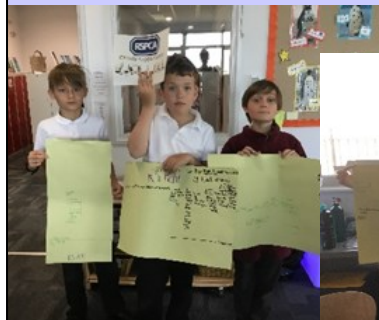


researching for a non-chronological report about an aspect of Roman life. In Science, year 4 have looked at the process of glacial erosion and the role it had in creating the rock runs of the Falkland Islands and Year 3 have looked at how rocks can eventually become soil. History learning this week has been focussed on the legacy of the Romans, looking at the effects it has on British life today. In Maths the Yr3 children have moved on to reading information from and creating tally charts and pictograms whilst Year 4 have been looking at equivalent fractions and how they represent wholes and parts of wholes. The children have earned a rest and we hope everyone has a lovely half-term break.

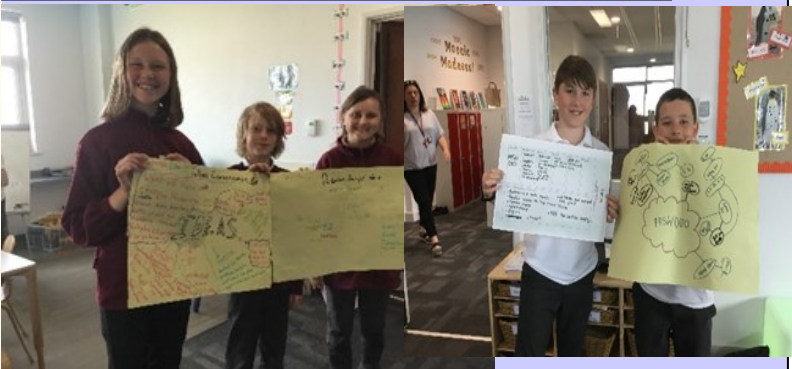


**Meadowlark Class:**

This week in Maths, we have been learning about ratio and proportion. In English, we have been doing SPaG on semi-colons, colons, passive and active voice. In Science we have concluded our unit on learning about animals and their different life-cycles. Did you know that the egg-white from an egg is called the albumen?  
Luke



We finished writing up our Shackleton newspaper report for display in Meadowlark. We also did a lot of work in English on spelling, grammar and punctuation. In PSHE we have been looking at ways to raise money for different charities. Our group will be supporting WATER AID.  
Lara





### Diary Dates

- Friday 4th February - Whole School Forest School
- Friday 11th February - Whole School Forest School
- Friday 11th February - School closes at 1505 for half term.
- Monday 21st February - School starts for children.
- **Thursday 3rd March-World Book day, dress as your favourite book character**
- Wednesday 9th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1715
- Thursday 10th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1800
- Friday 25th March - 1400 Event to showcase learning all parents of **children in Y1 to Y6 invited**
- **Friday 25th March-1430 Musical performance and Leavers Assembly**
- Thursday 31st March - School finishes For Easter at 1300
- Tuesday 19th April - School starts for children
- Throughout May - Year 2 assessments
- Week 9th May - KS2 SATS
- Friday 27th May - An early school Queens Platinum Jubilee event details to be decided
- Friday 27th May - School finishes at 1505 for half term
- Monday 30th May to 4th June - Half Term
- Monday 6th June - Additional public holiday - No school for children
- Week 7th June - Year 1 phonics screening
- 14th June - Liberation Day - whole school event to be decided
- Friday 24th June - Fixmas Eve event in school - details to follow
- Monday 11th July - Reports out to parents
- Thursday 21st July - School finishes at 1300

~ From everyone at Mount Pleasant School ~