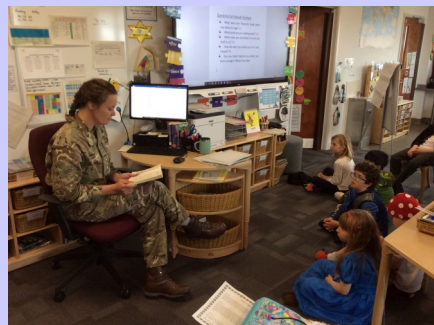


Dear Parents

It was great to see everyone making such a huge effort to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day. This was really appreciated, I know how stressful such events can be, organising and making my own girls costumes caused many family melt downs with last minute changes in costumes demanded! The costumes were amazing and the children delighted in explaining who they came dressed as. We were also fortunate that Padre Phillip found time to talk about his favourite childhood book series with us "Jungle Doctor" by Paul White and how these books inspired him to study medicine and then go out as a doctor to Africa. It was fascinating for the children to hear how a book has shaped someone's life. We were also fortunate that CBF, Jonathan Lett, DComd, Jamie Grindlay, OCBSW, Richard Pountney and the Families & Community Officer, Hannah Kirkham found time in their busy diaries to share their love of stories and books with the children. Thank you everyone for making the day so special for the children of MPS.



The value for March is **Friendship** and we will be looking in school at what makes a good friend and how this needs effort, commitment and understanding by both sides.



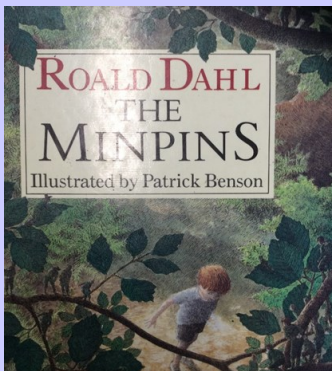
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EYFS: This week in EYFS we have been using the text 'The Enormous Turnip' as a focus for our learning. We have been painting, mark making, singing and reading different versions of the story. In FS2 we have been developing our vocabulary by using words such as 'gigantic', 'massive' and 'huge'.

We all looked amazing for World Book Day. We had a special visitor who came to read us a story, thank you CBF.



Caracara Class:



We have been reading the Minpins. We have made Minpin houses. In Geography, we learnt the 7 continents and looked at maps.

Anna C



I had fun making Minpin houses, learning the 7 continents and had fun in maths learning tens and ones.

Willow K

Caracara Class wore amazing costumes to a lovely World Book Day. Thank you to Wg Cdr Pountney for reading stories to us.

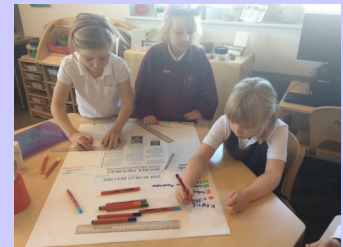


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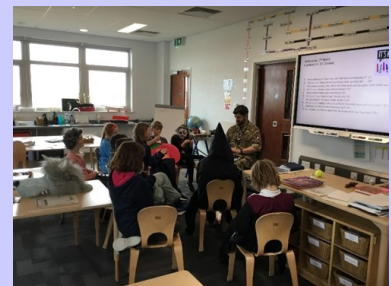
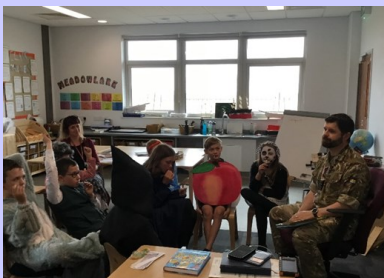
Falcon Class:

This week Falcons Class have had fun investigating soils. We were lucky enough to have a break in the weather so we moved our learning to the great outdoors where we investigated the soil from the school flowerbeds, carrying out an investigation to see what each layer comprises. In English, the children have been looking at the features of a Newspaper report, and acting out the model text using actions and expression and learning it off by heart to help them with their own writing later in the term. In Maths Year 3 have been converting measures and Year 4 have been completing their work on fractions by solving missing number fraction problems. In Geography, the children learned about the lines of latitude and longitude and had a go at plotting some of the world's most famous volcanoes including Stromboli, Etna and Vesuvius. The children were also excited about re-searching and designing their own catapult, looking at the features that they want to be included and the materials available to them for the task.



Meadowlark Class: Year 5 & 6 celebrates World Book Day!

We had a fun, enjoyable World Book Day with a special visit from DComd, Jamie Grindlay. We had a jam packed session where he read the introduction of 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy', a Greek myth about Jason and the Argonauts and a story from David Walliams. Did you know that his favourite genre at the moment is historical, non-fiction books and he is currently reading a book on the Incas? Thank you, DComd Jamie Grindlay, for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come and share the pleasures of reading with us.



This week has been great! We have been writing descriptive scenes of a dark and terrifying cave in English. In Maths we were doing algebra, finding the values of pairs of numbers and solving two-step equations. In History, we learnt about what life was like in Ancient Greece and in Science we looked at the Linnaean system.

Zach

This week I really enjoyed World Book Day because we could dress up. I was a wolf, Zach was 'gangster granny' and William Clark was 'James and the giant peach.'

William Hart

MPS Visit:

Unfortunately Mr Rowland Bucknill Assistant Chief Education Officer 'Rest of World' Defence Children Services was not able to make the airbridge on 28th February. We are rearranging his visit and we hope that he will now be in school the week 2nd May 2022.



Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 9th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1715**
- **Thursday 10th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1800**
- **Monday 14th March-Years 5 & 6 residential to Bleaker Island (1 night)**
- **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 - MPS will join the events in Stanley**
- **Friday 24th June - Fixmas Eve event in school - details to follow**
- **Monday 11th July - Reports out to parents**
- **Thursday 14th July-Nursery & FS1 Sports afternoon, 1430 in hall**
- **Thursday 21st July - School finishes at 1300**

Wishing you all a restful weekend from all at MPS.

Term Dates

Mount Pleasant School

Year 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

First day of term	Monday 29 th August
Half Term	Monday 17 th October to Friday 21 st October
Last day of term	Thursday 8 th December

Spring Term 2023

First day of term	Tuesday 3 rd January
Half term	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February
Last day of term	Thursday 06 th April

Summer Term 2023

First day of term	Tuesday 25 th April
Half term	Monday 05 th June to Friday 09 th June
Last day of term	Thursday 20 th July