

Dear parents

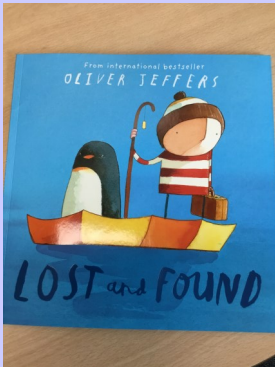
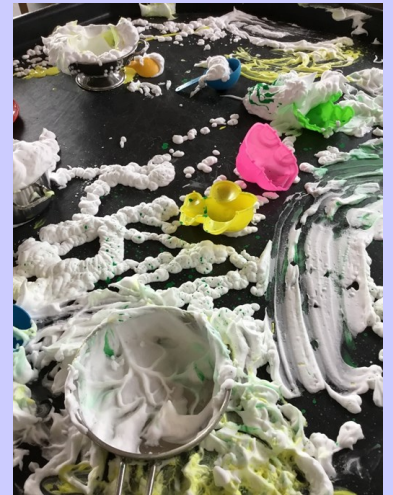
I can't believe that we have now completed week 4, I don't know where time goes! It is wonderful to see all the purposeful learning that is going on in school and the progress the children are already making. MPS was very proud to hear the children in Meadowlark Class sharing their thoughts on Queen Elizabeth II and her reign on BFBS over the week-end. It was incredibly special to hear their thoughts and insights.

In Plover Class:

In Nursery this week we talked about and played with various shapes. We enjoyed doing plenty of sticking activities, including 'dot-sticker self-portraits' inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama and interesting shape collages similar to ones done by Kelly Knaga. We talked about their different sizes and things they can resemble. ('This looks like a big claw!'...'This is a flower')

We did a lot of messy- and water play in-and outside this week! From shaving foam and paint mixtures to mud kitchen soups and creations, we did it all!

Our nursery rhyme focus for the week was 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. We brought the song into most of our play activities, including singing it into 'voice boxes' and then listening back to it. We practiced singing it loudly and quietly. It was a lot of fun!



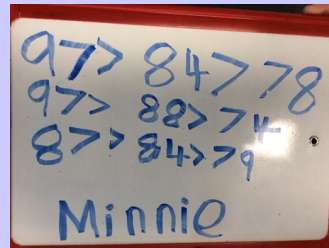
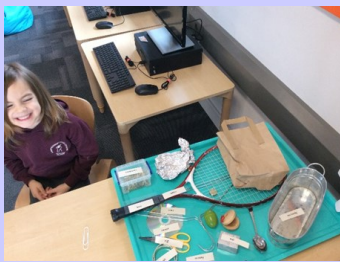
In Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross Class we have been exploring the story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. The children have enjoyed focussing their learning on the story and have clearly demonstrated their expert knowledge on all things penguin related. Well done Albatross Class.



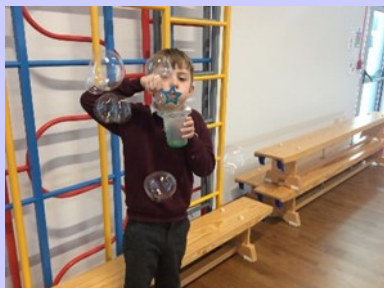
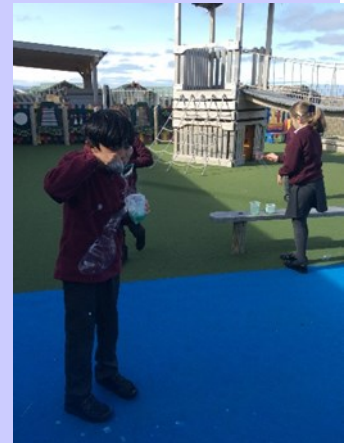
In Caracara Class: Caracara Class have had a lovely, busy week! The year 1s have sequenced and retold the story of Paper Planes whilst the year 2s have written their own versions. In maths, we have all been working on using the language: greater than, less than and equal to. With the year 1s using the 'crocodile' symbols and the year 2s having the challenge of using 2 'crocodile' symbols in a maths statement.

The children have enjoyed engaging with the learning challenges and extending their own skills. For example, a year 1 child heard the year 2s during their reading lesson about plastic in the oceans. So, she made her mermaid and a year 2 child made the aquarium and they both recorded a video about saving the oceans!



In Falcon Class:

This week in science, the Falcons have investigated dissolving and diluting by setting up an experiment to test the best solution for making bubbles. The children poured various amounts of liquid into measuring cups, reading the scales carefully and writing down their measurement in a chart. They then added 20ml of washing up liquid to each and tested the solutions, comparing it against the control liquid. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves making and observing the different quality and sizes of bubbles and wrote up their findings. In history, they have learned what made King Alfred The Great 'Great' and have designed a suitable statue to represent him, using symbols to represent his achievements.



In Meadowlark Class:

We've had another exciting week in Meadowlark and it feels like the time is flying past. In maths this week, we multiplied and divided numbers, including decimals with 10's, 100's and 1000's. We also looked at multiples and common multiples of different numbers.

In English, we watched the 'Pride of Britain' bravery awards and looked at courageous individuals who risked their lives to help other people during WW2. We analysed a bravery award speech and looked at language features such as formal language, how to use direct quotes and multi-clause sentences. We also looked at the similarities and difference between what it means to show bravery and courage.

In science, we made a refracting telescope with convex lenses to investigate what happens to rays of light as they pass through a lens.



Dates for your Diary until Easter

- **Wednesday 12th October - Parents Evening - 1515-1715**
- **Thursday 13th October - Parents Evening - 1600-1800**
- **Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October Half Term**
- **Monday 17th October - Inset day for teachers**
- **Friday 11th November Remembrance - Event & Timings to be confirmed**
- **Friday 18th November - Children in Need - Events TBC**
- **Friday 18th November - Join your child in Celebrating their learning timings TBC**
- **Monday 28th November - Christmas Decorations that we have made hanging on tree Event at 1415**
- **Friday 2nd December - Christmas Production at 1400**
- **Wednesday 7th December - Christingle in the school hall at 1415**
- **Thursday 8th December - School Finishes at 1300**
- **Tuesday 3rd January - School starts for children**
- **Thursday 12th January - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad at 1415**
- **Friday 20th January - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6 - 1330**
- **Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February - Half Term**
- **Thursday 2nd March World Book Day - Details TBC**
- **Thursday 9th March - Celebration of Learning class events at 1415**
- **Wednesday 29th March - Parents Evening 1515-1715**
- **Thursday 30th March - Parents Evening - 1600-1800**
- **Thursday 6th April - School Finishes at 1300**