

Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Dear parents

I had a really useful visit to the Infant & Junior School (IJS) in Stanley yesterday to meet with Gaynor Kilmister the Principal to explore ways of partnership working. We have some exciting opportunities to work together this year for the benefit of all our children and Staff. In school there has been some great learning happening this week, and the children have eagerly shared this with me.

In Plover Class:

We had another fun-filled week! Our Nursery rhyme



focus was "Five Little Speckled Frogs". We learnt and sang the song and played with frogs in the water tray. Definitely the highlight was making green oobleck and creating a frog swamp! In art the children made the most beautiful Monet inspired lily pads using finger paints and sponges.







In Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross class we have been using the book 'The Tiger

Who Came To Tea' to guide our learning.

We have been making stripes using different materials, completing jigsaw puzzles, colour mixing red and yellow to make orange, making tiger food, making tiger masks and using the role play café to name just a few of the activities we have done this week.

FS2 have been learning the graphemes 'h', 'b', 'f' and 'l' in phonics and completing repeating patterns in maths.











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In Caracara Class: This week Caracara class have started the addition and subtraction unit. We have been using part-whole models to show different ways a whole can be made from two parts. We've been busy making number bond kites too. The children enjoyed reading a book about Egyptians last week, so this week they have been finding out about hieroglyphs and some of the children have been engaged with the Egyptian number system. In science, we've tested materials for the waterproof property and some children designed and made a product using their learning.









In Falcon Class:

Falcons have had a busy but enjoyable week. The children have worked together to create an exciting word bank for use in their mythical stories and have started to write their final piece of work. They have worked really hard to include all of the grammar we have learned this term and showed some real perseverance of which I am very proud. Well done Falcons! We all enjoyed using Modroc to cover our Viking helmets and the children did a fantastic job of cleaning up afterwards too, apologies about their uniforms! They are really starting to look like the real thing. In maths the class is learning to subtract numbers crossing tens and 100s and the year 3s have begun to use column subtraction.









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In Meadowlark Class:

"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy." Anne Frank

In maths this week, we multiplied numbers, up to four digits with twodigit numbers, using the long multiplication method. We also identified factors and common factors of different numbers.



In English, we started planning our bravery awards speeches for either Anne Frank or Rose Blanche (a character from one of our class novels). Some of the features that we will incorporate in our writing will be: formal language, a variety of synonyms for bravery, direct quotes and adverbials.

In science, we looked at how a periscope works, reflecting light around obstacles.

As part of our topic on WW2, we have been working extremely hard on our propaganda posters in art; painting Spitfires, needle and thread and a ship in the shape of a spade to name but a few.









Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Thursday 24th November-Theme Day at IJS
- 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