

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
7th October 2022

Dear parents

It has been lovely to be able to offer stay and play sessions twice a week for our pre two year olds and their parents/carers on base this term. These have been a great success and thank you Mrs Blom for making these sessions such a central part of the week for our families. Stay and Play sessions run in term time on Mondays between 1400-1500 and on Wednesdays between 1045 and 1145. If you are newly arrived to the base and would like to join these sessions please contact the school prior to attending.

In Plover Class:

We have been enjoying our learning in Nursery this week!

We had a lot of fun doing an obstacle course outside and creating our own paths to walk and balance on. The children used their arms for balancing along the path so they didn't fall and are learning to organise themselves in term of where they should start and to wait their turn in line.

Our nursery rhyme focus this week was 'Two little Dickie Birds'. The children learned the words to the rhyme very quickly, so to further embed their learning they decorated their own stick puppet birds and used our puppet theatre to perform the rhyme to their friends!

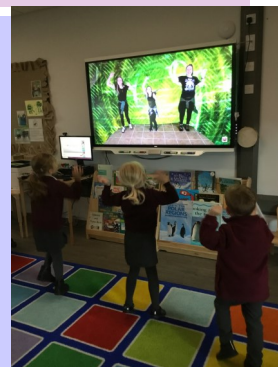
We also had a close look at different types of feathers and enjoyed listening to birdsong in the background when playing indoors.





In Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross class our learning has been all about frogs. We've been learning about the life cycle of a frog using pictures and props. In physical development, we have danced to the song 'Crazy Frog', used tweezers to move pom pom frogs and used scissors to cut out pictures. We have created the colour green by mixing blue and yellow and made bubble paintings of frog spawn. In maths we have been counting frogs, using positional language to describe where frogs are and singing 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' daily. FS2 children have been using their phonic knowledge to write sentences about frogs.



In Caracara Class:

Caracara class have had a fantastic week exploring the learning challenges and tackling these independently. In RE the children enjoyed designing a detailed stained-glass window, depicting the parable of 'Jonah and the Whale'. They learned that parables are Christian bible stories which are often portrayed in church windows.



Please note homework for children in Caracara class will be sent out on Monday 10th October.

In Falcon Class

What a busy week the Falcons have had! The children have looked at a timeline of the Viking Invasion leading up to the peace treaty of Wedmore and created their own comic strip re-telling the main events. They have also found out what aspects of life today have come from the Vikings such as the days of the week and even the origin of Father Christmas! They have also started to paint their Viking helmets. In science they have learned about the water cycle process and created their own version in bags so that they can observe over time, transpiration, evaporation, condensation and precipitation. As part of the continuous provision, some of the children have had a chance to plan, carry out and report on their own experiment to test which selection of substances best fit the criteria of properties of a liquid. In maths Year 3 & 4 have started to add and subtract with exchange using the formal written column method. Our Viking myth stories are finally complete and the children have created some fabulous pieces of writing of which they should be very proud.



In Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we looked at division, dividing numbers up to four digits with two-digit numbers, using the long division method.

In English, we edited our bravery awards speeches; correcting any mistakes and writing up our final versions in our neatest handwriting.

In science, we investigated how shadows are formed and how it can change during the day. We are getting close to the end of this half term and are almost finished with our propaganda posters. My students produced artwork to be extremely proud of!!





Warmer weather:

As the summer approaches and we use the opportunity for outdoor learning as much as possible, please can you ensure you apply sun-screen before your child comes to school and send them in with additional sunscreen for the children to reapply. Don't forget that the ozone layer is thin out here in the Falklands and it is very easy to get sunburnt even on windy days! Secure fitting sunhats are also essential kit.

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
- **Tuesday 22nd November-Theme Day at IJS in Stanley-Please Note change of date**
- 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
- Tuesday 25th April - School Starts for children

Wishing you all great weekends in the Spring sunshine from all at MPS.