

## Dear parents

After a very busy half term of learning, with many highlights, I was delighted to present the achievement and celebration certificates for this half term to Buddy, Willow, Sophia and Eleanor. It was also a sad occasion as we said good bye to Maren after a long time at MPS. We wish Maren and her family all the best for their next adventure.

I am sure we are all looking forward to some family time before we embark on another packed half term in the run up to Christmas!

To keep you all informed Mrs Stobart is on a duty trip back to the UK (Airbridge permitting) between 21st October and 31st October, Mrs Summers will be the senior member of staff in charge for this period.

The Value for next half term is **Perseverance** and we will focus on tackling things independently and to keep on trying to achieve our very best.

## In Plover Class:

This week in Nursery we enjoyed listening to and singing along to the book 'Journey home from Grandpa's.'

We looked at and played with plenty of modes of transport, built bumpy roads, washed the bikes outside and vehicles inside, as well as playing traffic light games!

We tried to listen carefully to instructions and enjoyed moving around, beeping our horns when we saw a friend and kept our eyes out for traffic light signals.

In art we made 'Racing Rainbows'. The children were fascinated by the way the paint moved! They discovered that thinner paint moved faster and if you drop a blob of paint on top of another, it spreads and makes patterns and circles.

In music and movement we have also been playing musical instruments with increased control, trying to follow the pulse of a song.



## In Albatross Class:

To end our learning all about friendship and animals we visited Fitzroy Farm. Suzi was very kind and showed us all around the farm. We saw lots of lambs and sheep, some of us were brave enough to touch them too. We played games at the farm, saw the dogs and fed the chickens too. We had a great time.



This week we are reading the book 'The Something'. We have been digging holes in the mud area, making predictions about what might be down the hole in the story. We have a role play hole in our classroom and each day we have been guessing what might be inside. We have been able to talk about the story and retell parts of it using pictures and small world figures.

In maths we have been naming circles and triangles. We have been on a shape walk around our outdoor area.

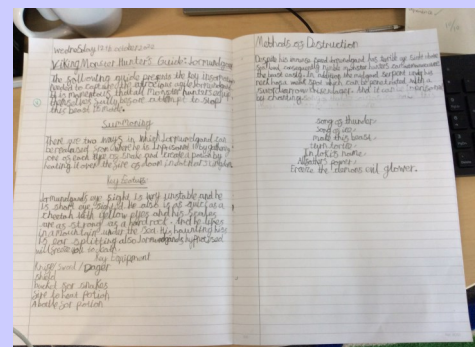
In phonics, FS2 children have been segmenting and blending short words using their phonetic knowledge.

Have a great half term.



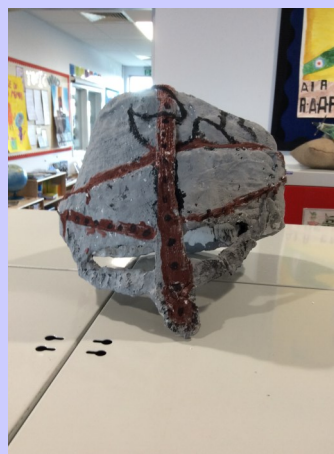


**In Caracara Class:** This week, Caracara Class have been busy preparing for the penguin party that we had on Thursday. We wrote invitations; made penguin masks; had fun making and decorating biscuits; and designed and drew a table runner. We've also written about our favourite traditional tale in preparation for next term's learning. In maths, we've continued to learn about number bonds in year 1 and related facts and adding 1s in year 2. In computing, we have applied all our skills and learning to create our own algorithm using movement, speech and parallel processing to make a sprite move and talk.



### In Falcon Class

Falcons class have finally completed our Viking helmets this week and the children are very proud of the end results. In maths we have continued to look at addition and subtraction of 3 and 4 digit numbers with exchange and regrouping. In English, the children have written their own Monster Hunter's Guide to defeating a Viking monster using some new vocabulary such as outmanoeuvred and consequently. They have included some lovely description to create a sense of challenge and fear. In history, the children have learned how the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era ended in Britain with the Battle of Hastings and the victory of William the Conqueror and in science, they have continued to observe their water cycles to note any changes such as transpiration occurring.



### **In Meadowlark Class:**

The summer holidays seem like a distant memory and Christmas is around the corner! We've had a jam-packed term, full of learning - please see below a summary of what my amazing students thought about their first term in Meadowlark.



The highlight of my term was painting our propaganda posters because it was really exciting to do. In maths I have learnt how to do long multiplication and long division. Do you know what the difference between a multiple, prime number, factor and common factor are? In computing we have been trying to make a game in Scratch 2 and that was enjoyable because we had to persevere in making our characters do what we told them to do. In recorder club I am learning to play the recorder and it is really fun. Some of the books that we read in class were Goodnight Mr Tom and Fireweed.

Jemima – Y5

I enjoyed learning how to swim four lengths. The highlight of this term for me was making WWII propaganda posters and learning about Anne Frank. In maths I've been learning about prime numbers and common factors. Did you know that 5 cubed is 125? The best book I have been listening to was Goodnight Mr Tom. In science we made a telescope and discovered how shadows are formed.

Eliza - Y6



I enjoyed painting my propaganda poster, and going on our trip to the church with Mrs Summers. We also learnt about World War 2. Did you know the Jerries' were winning the war for 3 years? In maths we did long division, long multiplication, and finding square and cube numbers. In computing we have been programming games. In English we wrote a diary entry on Rose Blanch and a bravery speech for Anne Frank. In PE we played hand ball and some bench ball. In sports club after school, we learnt how to catch and throw a ball and played a variety of different ball games like cricket, dodge ball, and bench ball.

Logan – Y5





### **Meadowlark Class continued...**

The highlight of my term was making WW2 posters. I struggled with roman numerals but I kept on trying and now I can work them out. Did you know 6 squared is 36? I really enjoyed swimming because we are learning a useful life-skill. The best part of this term was learning with Mr Blom. Some of the books that we read in class were Goodnight Mr Tom and Fireweed.

Eleanor – Y5



### **Dates for your Diary**

- Monday 17th to 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
- **Saturday 19th November-Community Event at Timmy hangar-School involved further details to follow**
- 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 an enjoyable half term from all at MPS.**