

# Mount Pleasant Extra!

**Newsletter**  
**28th October 2022**

## Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful first week back in school where it has been a pleasure to see the children settling into their work and enjoying their learning.

As incredible as it sounds, we have already begun our journey of prepping and organising for Christmas! The nativity is well underway, with outfits having been chosen, children having their fittings and the seasonal excitement clearly gathering momentum.

To keep you all informed Mrs Stobart is back from the UK (Airbridge permitting) on Monday 31st October and will be in school on Tuesday. We also have visitors from our ICT team, on the same flight, and look forward to our equipment being overhauled and back to its best.

## In Plover Class:

We started off the new half-term with a focus on insects, in particular caterpillars and butterflies as the children love learning about animals.

We enjoyed listening to the story called 'The very hungry caterpillar' - which inspired us with plenty of play opportunities!

In music and movement we pretended to be hungry caterpillars and acted out the lifecycle of a butterfly. We made lovely salt dough creations, as well as large process art butterflies in art.

A big highlight was watching a puppet show! The children enjoyed it so much, that they all wanted to 'have a go' and tell their friends various stories using the finger puppets.



## In Albatross Class:

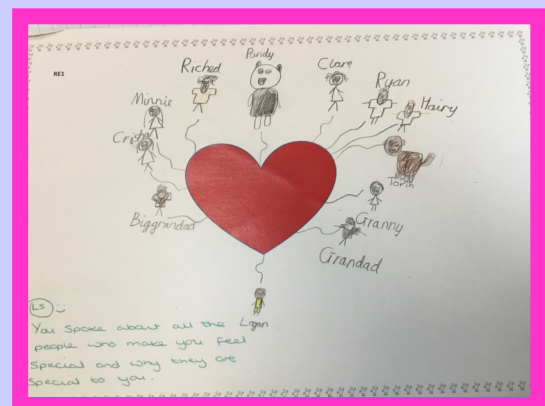
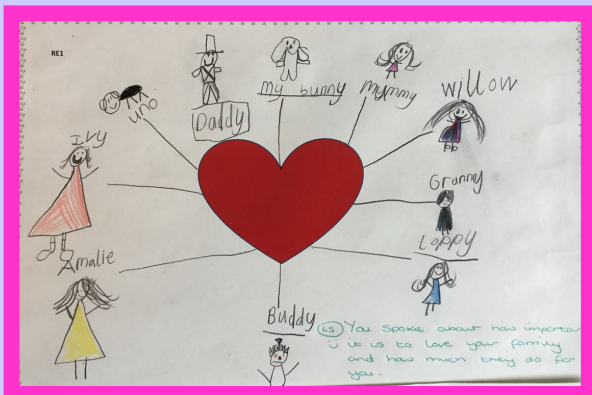
The children have made a great start back to the term. Our learning focus this week was space rockets. We used oil pastels to draw space pictures. In maths we have been using and naming 2d shapes when rocket building.

This terms learning overview has been published on Tapestry.



## In Caracara Class:

This week, in Caracara Class, many thanks goes to Mrs Studdart, for doing an amazing job by taking the mantle of teaching the children in Mrs Hill's absence. In English, they have been busy learning the magical language used in fairy tales; in RE they have shared the special people who are important to them and in PSHE, they have been 'Celebrating Difference' by spotting similarities and differences.



## In Falcon Class:

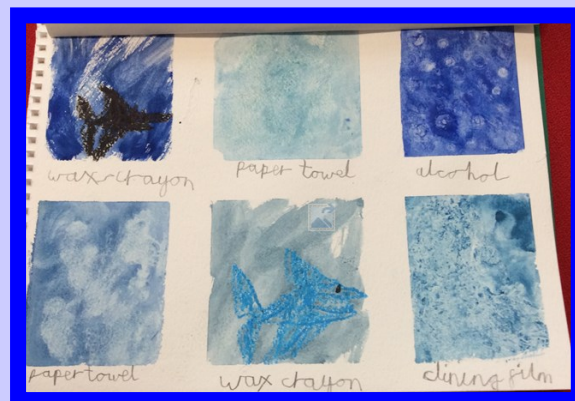
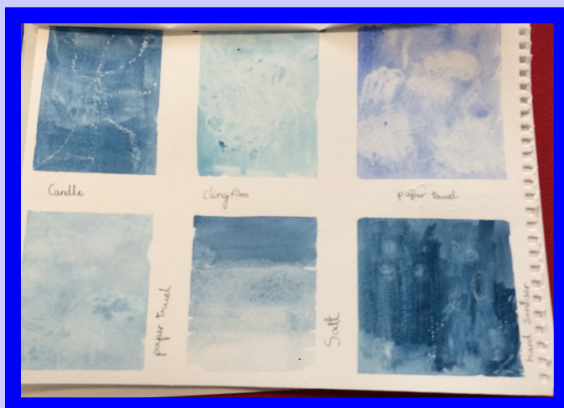
This week Falcons have completed our maths work on formal methods of addition and subtraction using the column method. The children have worked on word problems, using their guided reading skills to highlight the relevant information and using this to calculate correctly.

In English we have looked at the indefinite articles a/an and when to use them as well as using collective nouns to describe groups of animals, people and things.

In geography the children have learned about the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and researched information on countries located in these areas as well as on the Equator.

Art this term is focussed on changing states of matter and how this occurs in weather. The children used a variety of mediums to try to create rain, ice, clouds and water effects. They will then choose their favourite method to create a painting of a beach scene later this week.

Our English Text this term is 'Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith which looks at the journey of the water in a little boy's fishing jar as it passes from a forest stream out to the ocean and across the world in clouds before falling as rain.





### **In Meadowlark Class:**

In maths this week, we started with our termly topic on fractions. We converted improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa, learnt how to simplify fractions and looked at equivalent fractions.

In English, we finished our unit on war poetry and my students are in the process of rehearsing their poems to prepare for the Remembrance Day service at MPC.

In history we drew a timeline of key events from WWII. We also researched the role that the Falklands played in the South Atlantic with the Battle of the River Plate.

It is that time of the year again! Believe it or not but Christmas is around the corner! We have started 'learning our lines' and rehearsing for our production at the beginning of December.



Enjoy the Halloween Celebrations and have a relaxing and wonderful weekend.



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#### Dates for your Diary

- 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