

Dear Parents

It is lovely to be back in school and the Falklands, I seem to have brought the sunshine back with me! It has been great to see the wonderful learning on display everywhere and the children focusing on their learning.

This week we developed our collaboration work with Stanley Infant and Junior School by staff working together to look at examples of children's writing and agreeing what each piece of writing showed.

Mrs Hill is still off island and until her return Mrs Collins and our 2 FS2 children will be in Caracara class and Mrs Blom will be in Plover class with Nursery and FS1. We will keep you updated on Mrs Hill's likely return as the situation becomes clearer.

The next few weeks will be very busy in school as we prepare for our involvement on the 11th November with the Veterans, and for the Community Day on the 19th November. You and your child/children's support for both these events will be really appreciated particularly as both of these events are not in school time.

In Plover Class:

This week in Nursery we had a wonderful time learning about **how plants grow**.

We have been exploring different types of seeds in our investigation area as well as smelling different dried herbs.

In Creative Development we painted lanterns, which proved to be tricky as it is difficult when at an angle and not on a flat surface.

We also developed our fine motor skills further by practising our cutting skills - cutting into lines on circles to create flowers which we painted. They are now proudly on display on the windowsill in our corridor!

Lastly, we got our hands nice and dirty by making grass heads using stockings, soil and cress seeds. We also planted seeds in our very own egg carton greenhouses, which will be sent home as soon as they sprout!



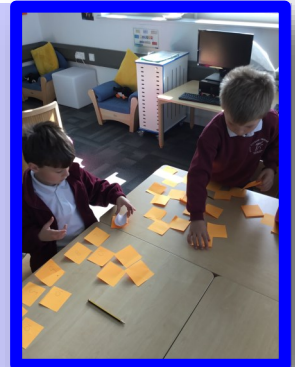
In Caracara Class:

Mrs Collins and our two FS2 children joined Caracara class this week and they have all had a very busy week again...

In computing we have been learning all about algorithms. We also ordered a set of instructions and made jam sandwiches.

In maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction. We have been using tens frames and the part whole model to help us.

Our literacy this week has been based on the text 'Rapunzel' and we have been making potions, building Rapunzel's tower, devising a trap to catch the witch and planning a story.



In Falcon Class:

Falcons class have been creating water colour wax resist paintings based on the different stages of the water cycle. So far they have created beach and ocean scenes and used their paint techniques to create rain shower imagery. In geography the children have learned all about the lines of latitude and longitude and used co-ordinates to find locations around the globe as well as challenging their friends to find locations based on their own set of coordinates. Maths this week has moved on to calculating area for year 4 and multiplication and division for year 3. The children are beginning to research their own setting description images based on rivers so that they are ready to plan their writing next week. In guided reading they have enjoyed learning about mountains, volcanoes and the journey of a river from its source to the estuary.



In Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we learnt how to compare and order fractions, including improper fractions. We realised that it is extremely important to know your times-tables as it helps a person to find common factors to calculate common denominators!

In English, we started our unit of work on writing a flashback narrative. We looked at the use of figurative language to describe a scene and different characters; as well as how an author's choice of words will have an effect on a reader.

We have also practised traditional Scottish dances to prepare for the community event later this month and made poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day.



The Veterans Visit 11th November 2022 between 1600-1730

We are delighted that the school has been invited to take part in the event with the veterans at Timmy Hangar and would like as many of our children and parents to attend to work alongside our guests in making and painting wooden poppies.

We are aware that this is after school but encourage as many of the children and parents as possible to attend.

For our older children (KS1 and KS2) we will arrange a bus to depart around 1515 to ensure that our activity is set up and ready for when the veterans arrive. We do hope that parents will join us from 1600 to support us with this.

For our Nursery and EYFS children if parents can collect their child/children as normal at the end of the day and bring them up to Timmy's Hangar from 1600 and then support and encourage their own child/children in taking part that would be really appreciated.

All children will need to be collected from Timmy's Hangar at the end of the event.





Dates for your Diary

- Friday 11th November Remembrance - Event at Timmy's Hangar-Please see earlier information
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need - Non Uniform Day- Donation to Children in need
- Friday 18th November - Join your child in celebrating their learning this event has been moved to 24th November
- Saturday 19th November-Community Event at Timmy's Hangar-School involved further details to follow
- Tuesday 22nd November Theme Day with Stanley school has moved to February
- Thursday 24th November from 1400 parents invited into school to make Christmas decorations with children instead of event for parents on 18th November
- Monday 28th November - Christmas Decorations that we have made decorating 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
- Thursday 16th February- Theme Day with Stanley schools
- 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 a relaxing weekend in the predicted sunshine from all at MPS.