

Dear Parents

On Wednesday we tried on all our wonderful costumes and had a full run through of the Landlord's Cat. It went really well and below are a few photos of the rehearsal. We hope you all enjoyed the performance this afternoon.



In Plover Class:

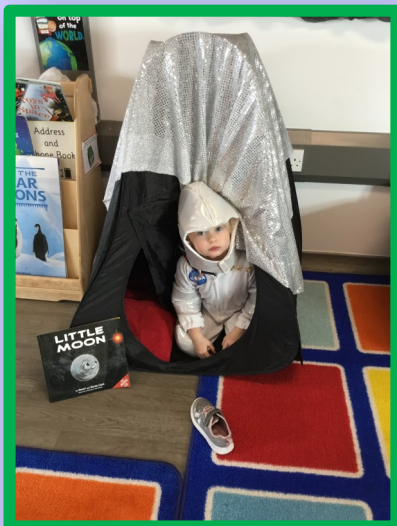
Glitter has started to make its appearance in nursery, which can only mean one thing: Christmas is coming! The children have started to make plenty of lovely Christmas related decorations and artwork. In continuous provision we explored and played with 'snowflakes' and spoons, scooped and poured water beads. We practiced our scissor skills by cutting and creating pictures with Christmas wrapping paper, wrapped pretend gifts and sang Christmas songs!



In Albatross Class:

We have continued to use the text *Star in the Jar* as our book focus. We have all learnt a song about the solar system, created paper plate planets, made large scale planets out of different pieces of material and decorated stars with shiny sequins. We have used chime bars to make sounds and some of us were able to play the first line of *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. In continuous provision the children have enjoyed using a toy space shuttle, made moon buggies using Lego and made space stations using construction materials.

FS2- In literacy, children have been writing sentences about the story. In maths, the children have been counting inside and outside and writing number sentences to find a total. We conducted an investigation to see how far a star would travel down a piece of plastic pipe and recorded the results. All FS2 children have been excellent in the swimming pool this term and I am proud of how much they have improved.



In Caracara Class:

What another busy week leading into the Winter/Summer break! We've been learning about and planting bulbs, finding out about 3D shapes, carrying out the dress rehearsal for our Christmas play and going down to Stanley Growers to continue our learning about plants. As you can see, we were exhausted by the end of it all!



In Falcon Class:

In the classroom, the children have started to write their information leaflets and have chosen a wide variety of natural features to write about, from sinkholes to volcanoes. I am very much looking forward to seeing the final products. In maths, the Year 3 children have moved on to long multiplication formal written methods and year 4 are investigating all given factors for numbers. The term is finally beginning to wind down, with our last busy event happening today! The children have been busy practising their lines for the nativity and having last minute fittings for their costumes and are very excited about performing for their loved ones. Well done Falcon Class for braving the stage and persevering with your scripts and song lyrics even though you are very tired.

Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we consolidated our learning on fractions, practising our fluency and reasoning whilst solving multi-step fraction word problems.

In English, we had a busy week, learning about different tenses, phrases, clauses, conjunctions and pronouns in SpAG.

For the rest of our time, we were busy rehearsing for the Mount Pleasant nativity EX-TRAVAGANZA!



Dates for your Diary

- 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
- **Monday 8th May- Bank holiday -No school**
- Tuesday 9th May Key Stage 2 SATs start
- Monday 5th June-Friday 9th June Half term
- Friday 23rd June- mid Winter Event-details to be confirmed
- Thursday 20th July school finished for the year at 1300

Wishing you all a restful weekend as Christmas preparations begin in earnest at home from all at MPS.