

## Dear Parents

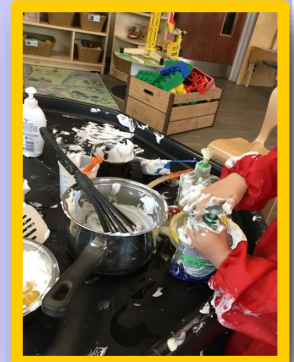
Happy New Year and welcome back to a very busy term. After the family fun of the Christmas break, it is good to be back in school with its routines. It is great to see how quickly the children settled and some great learning starting to take place, although I think we are all now ready for the weekend!

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Alan Moore our new member of teaching staff, who hopefully arrives next Thursday, airbridge permitting.

## Plover Class:

Our class is getting bigger and we are having so much fun!

In Nursery this week we learned all about soft and hard **textures** and different **patterns**. We made prints with different objects and built a patterned road to walk on.



## Albatross Class: Welcome back!

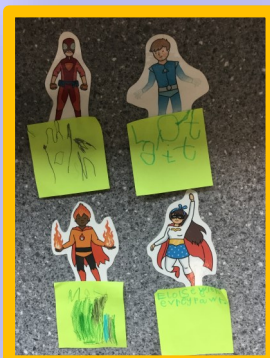
This week has been superhero week in FS1 and FS2.

In maths we have been counting, creating number sentences and weighing toy superheroes.

In literacy we have been reading the book 'My Mum is a Supermum'. We have been writing labels, descriptions and powers for superheroes.

In creative areas we have been acting like superheroes, creating potions to give us powers and making superhero masks.

In physical we have been using our superhero powers to move in different ways both inside and outside.



**Caracara Class:** "We've had a busy week with our trips which gave us some great insight into how people and animals are rescued. After a quick poll, most of the children said they'd prefer to be a winch operator rather than a pilot!"



**Falcon Class:** After a slow start with lots of yawns from all of us on Tuesday, Falcons have settled nicely into the new term and have been immersing themselves into our topic of Ancient Egyptians. This week the children have explored what kind of person would need to carry, tools, maps, stakes and artefacts and where these items might be used in the world. They have also been on a classroom expedition, working with a partner to go on an Egyptian fact hunt and return to field base to report their findings. This tested their communication and memory skills and helped them build a file of facts to help them with their English mystery story later in the term.





## In Meadowlark Class:

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you have a wonderful new year!

We had a busy start to 2023 and have already started our learning in Meadowlark.

In maths, we started learning about ratio and proportion and in English we began with writing a narrative setting. In history we looked at the key moments in space flight and in art we experimented with using oil pastels.



## Dates for your Diary

- 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 relaxing weekend, with time to recharge the batteries.

From all at MPS