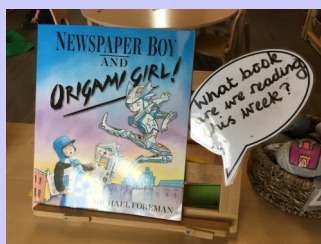


## Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of our families represented at Launchpad on Thursday afternoon. It is always a great way to ignite the new terms learning with parents joining in learning with their child/ren. Thank you to the teaching staff for their hard work in ensuring these sessions are practical and engaging. This term is very busy and we are delighted that Mr Rowland Bucknill Assistant Chief Education Officer (Rest of World), Defence Children Services will be visiting MPS from 23rd January—31st January and I know that he is looking forward to visiting the school again.

## Plover Class:

Nursery kicked off the week with a flying start and we learned all about kites. Apart from our own designs, we made all sorts of different kites this week, including Japanese 'Koinobori' and beautiful sun-catcher ones that we are proudly displaying in our window! We also did a few colour matching activities as well as wind investigation, by trying to blow different objects on a tray.



**Albatross Class:** This week we have been using the text 'Newspaper Boy and Origami Girl' as a focus for our learning. We have used the outside area lots this week thanks to the mild weather. Each day something strange has happened to the superheroes. Ask your child what has been happening!

In literacy, we have been answering questions about the text, writing names for superheroes, describing powers that superheroes have and acting as superheroes. FS2 have also been labelling pictures and writing about superheroes.

In maths, we have been counting. FS2 have been adding and separating groups of objects. In physical development, we have completed some superhero training and assault courses. In creative development, we have created a city skyline, made newspaper models and designed our very own superheroes.



## Caracara Class:

Caracara Class have continued to learn about seasons in science. It's a little tricky here so we are still learning how to identify when each season is. Thank you to all parents for coming to help with our art during the Launchpad. In English we are enjoying the story 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We have worked hard in year 1 to use the prefix 'un' and year 2s have been describing using similes. Our building blocks have changed and we are loving the new Kapla! It takes a lot of perseverance and vision to build with these blocks. We would like to say thank you Flt Lt Lucy Heal, for help in transporting this new educational resource to Mount Pleasant.



**Falcon Class:** In Falcons Class this week, the children have been practising their division and multiplication skills using a range of different techniques and discussing alternative ways to work them out, using what they already know from other areas of their maths learning. In history the children have learned about the importance of the river Nile to ancient Egypt and how the civilisation couldn't have existed without it. In science our focus has been on the harmful effects of UV light and the importance of protecting our skin, particularly with the thin ozone layer over our region. English this week has had a focus on using "a" or "an" depending on the sound following, as well as trying to include as much detail in our sentences as possible using the questions When? Where? Why? How? Our launchpad event was great fun and the children enjoyed making a Falkland Island version of papyrus paper with NAAFI bags, as well as mummifying a tomato. The children will be observing how the tomato changes over the next 40 days.



## In Meadowlark Class:

We've had a busy second week of term and have been hard at work!

In maths this week we looked at ratio and proportion word problems, developing strategies to solve a variety of tasks in real-life context.

In English we started to plan and write a narrative setting, focusing on using similes, metaphors and a range of punctuation.

In science we studied the heliocentric model of the solar system, and looked at the theory of Copernicus. For history we started a fact file on an inspiring astronaut of our choice and in art, we continued to experiment with blending different coloured oil pastels.

THANK YOU to



## Clubs:

Tuesday after school clubs and Thursday's Environmental Club (with a focus on wildlife and nature this term) will be sent out on Monday ready for children in FS2 - Year 6 to choose from. As always I am grateful to members of staff and Mrs Keenahan for volunteering to run these for us, as without their support these enrichment opportunities would not be possible.

## Sports Afternoon:

You are invited to attend Mount Pleasant Sports Day, which will be held on the athletics track on **Friday 20th January** (weather permitting).

The Sports Day will be a traditional sports day in house teams from FS2 to Year 6. **Parents are welcome to come to the afternoon session from 1:30 to 3:00.**

Your child will need their P.E. kit, trainers and water to drink. Lunch will be served as normal in school.

In the event of rain, strong winds, snow or any other unforeseen weather phenomenon, the Sports Day may be rescheduled to another date later on in the term. Due to the unpredictable weather patterns in the Falklands we will inform you on Friday at 12.30 if our Sports day will go ahead in the afternoon.

## Launchpad:

Thank you for joining us yesterday.



## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 20th January - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6 - 1330
- Thursday 16th February - Theme Day with Stanley schools
- 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 fun packed weekend.

From all at MPS