

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those EYFS parents who attended the maths workshop session on Friday morning. It was great to be able to explain how we teach maths in the Early Years and for you to see how this is translated in an EYFS classroom. Thank you Mr Blom, Mrs Blom and Mrs Collins.

We were very fortunate this week that the contemporary artist Lorna Hamilton was able to join the children and staff for an afternoon of art.



Plover Class:

It has been busy in the nursery's kitchen this week with a lot of pretend play around our focus story this week, called 'Stone Soup'. We looked at and talked about our favourite vegetables and enjoyed activities involving stones - from painting them, to creating art.



Albatross Class:

This week we have been using the text 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as a focus for learning in Albatross class. We have been reading the story and using small figures to retell the story.

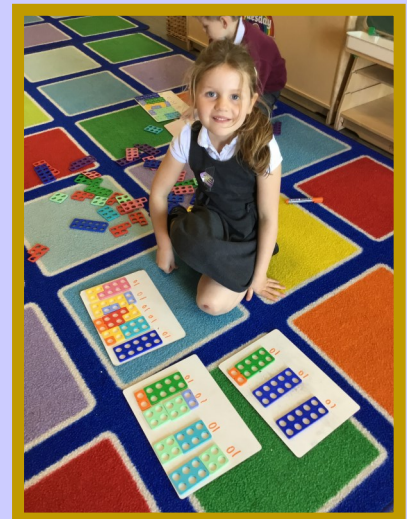
This week in maths we have been comparing the size of different objects. FS2 have been learning number bonds to ten

In Literacy, we have been able to use props to retell the story, wrote instructions for how to make porridge and made lots of food for the bears in the role play kitchen.

We have made overnight oats selecting the ingredients that we needed to make it and ate it during snack time.

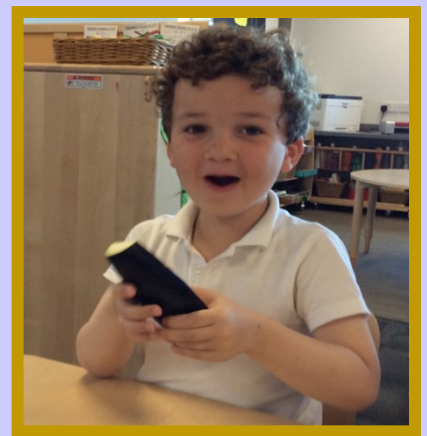
We have also painted Goldilocks and the three bears using poster paint and paint sticks.

We were also very lucky to get a visit from the fire section. We sat in the fire engine, saw how some of the equipment worked and got to squirt water from the hose.



Caracara Class

Oh, what fun we've had this week as Caracara Class! We were lucky enough to have a painting lesson by a visiting artist on Wednesday. We made some superb landscapes with the obligatory penguin. During Thursday afternoon, we had to sort fruits from vegetables. We now know that fruits contain seeds so we had to move the aubergine and the courgette to the fruit section. We enjoyed looking at the insides of the fruits and saw a picture of a wild banana compared to a shop bought banana. We also were very brave and tasted lots of different fruit and veg, including lemon and lime, raw broccoli (what a funny texture that has!) and red and green peppers



Falcon Class:

Falcons have had another great week, producing some excellent work and persevering to achieve success. In maths, the children have continued to work on fractions, with Year 3 placing them on number lines and Year 4 calculating equivalent fractions. In English we have looked at word families and the different types of suffix & prefix words that originate from the root word, using these in sentences. We have investigated the different parts of a flowering plant in science and looked at the functions that each part plays in the lifecycle of the plant. The children are currently making predictions and observing what happens when an onion is placed in water over time. We were very lucky to have an art session with a visiting artist where we painted landscape scenes and of course, penguins! I am sure you will agree that the children have done a fantastic job.



Meadowlark Class:

Last week in maths, we focused on working out the area, perimeter, and volume of a variety of different shapes. We finished the week by solving a range of reasoning and word problems.

In English, we analysed a Space report to prepare for writing a formal moon landing report. We discussed and looked at: active & passive voice, formal and informal language, factual expanded noun phrases, technical vocabulary and modal verbs.

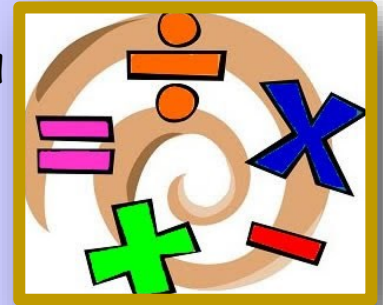
In science, we wrote up and described our experiments that we conducted with the RAF museum from the previous week. In art & DT, we started with building our ISS, using a range of recyclable materials.

We were also fortunate enough to have a session with professional artist, Lorna Hamilton on painting landscapes.



Maths Parent Workshop

Please note the new date for the rearranged KS1 and KS2 Maths Parent Workshop session is Friday 19th May 0845-1000 unfortunately we are not able to fit this in any earlier.



Volunteers Needed

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 14th March at 1530 to help with washing the Astro surface and brushing and wiping down furniture, emptying the old sand from the sand pit and filling with new.

Anyone with a hosepipe/pressure washer, wheelbarrow, spades MPS would love to borrow these for this session

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 24th March KS2 Cake sale event in corridor near 12FAC and Gym - No swimming. Further details to follow in aid of Turkey/Syria earthquake relief event
- Wednesday 29th March KS1 Penguin march or Easter Bonnet walk in aid of Turkey/Syria earthquake relief event
- 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
- **Friday 19th May 0845-1000 - Rearranged KS1 and KS2 Parents Maths Workshop**
- **Thursday 1st June - Nursery and EYFS Sports afternoon 1415 in the school hall** (For All children who attended Nursery, FS1 and FS2 and their families can come along to join us even if not booked in for a session that afternoon).
- Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June Half term
- Wednesday 21st June- Mixed art day with IJS
- Thursday 20th July - school finished for the year at 1300
- **Please note the key dates for 2023-24 can now be found on our website.**