

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for supporting the KS2 children at MPS by baking cakes, for the children to sell today outside 12FAC and the Gym, in aid of The Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal. The children are all very excited about this event and are having to work hard to resist the temptation of eating all the cakes before this afternoon. We will share the total amount raised next week.

We have had another packed week here at MPS and it has been great to see the progress the children have made this term which will be shared with you at Parent/Teacher Meetings next week.

For your information Mrs Stobart will be returning to the UK on Friday 31st March (airbridge permitting) due to a family bereavement. For the last four and a half days Mr Blom will be the Teacher in charge.

Plover Class

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Who.
Who who?
Are you an owl?

In Nursery this week we learned all about owls. Our focus book was 'Owl Babies'. There was so much play around it, that I may consider getting the owls out again in a few weeks!

We learned that baby owl nests consist of leaves, twigs and feathers and that they fly and hunt at night. The children made stone and pinecone owls as well as little stick puppets of the main characters of the story, so you can ask them to give you a puppet show at home!

We also looked at 'Day' and 'Night' (Book: Night Monkey, Day Monkey) and created lovely pieces of art based on the sun and moon.



Albatross Class

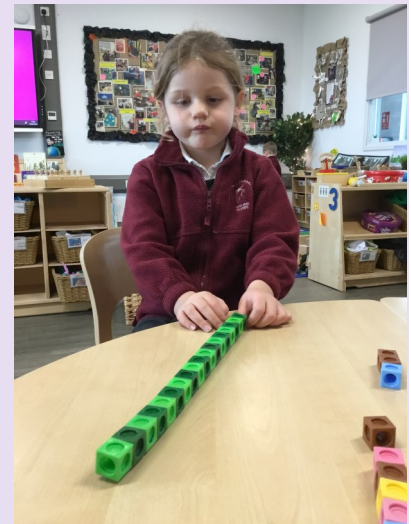
This week we have been using the text 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as a focus for learning in Albatross class. We have been reading the story and using small figures to retell the story. In Literacy for FS2, we have been able to use props to retell the story, ordered pictures of the story and compared the beginning and end of the story.

This week in maths we have been making patterns and comparing the length and height of objects.

In Understanding the world, we have considered how to look after plants and looked at bean seeds and different plants around school.

As part of our creative learning, we have listened to harp music, used percussion instruments to play alongside the telling of the story and made green by colour mixing yellow and blue in the tuff tray.

We have enjoyed using the park and outside areas too this week.





Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Caracara Class

In English this week, Caracara Class have finished writing letters to Jack trying to persuade him to climb, or not climb, the beanstalk. The children really got involved and came up with some rather grotesque reasons! Towards the end of the week, we focused on word classes and have written senses list poems based on a picture from the book, 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk!' The year 1s needed to focus on using an adjective, noun, verb structure; the year 2s had to add adverbs onto the end of the structure.

Here are a few of the poems we wrote:

Under the bridge
Jack sees brittle crates lying
Jack sees broken fences leaning
Jack sees twisted ropes climbing
Jack sees a shiny tin holding
Under the bridge.

by Alfie Dowds

Under the bridge
Jack sees drizzling rain dropping
Jack sees a grim sign pointing
Jack sees twisted wire hanging
Jack sees a glowing puddle reflecting
Jack sees piled crates lying
Under the bridge.

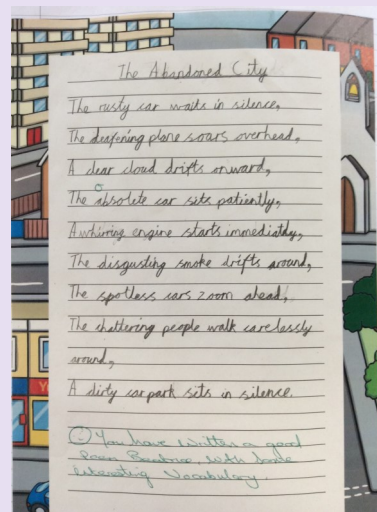
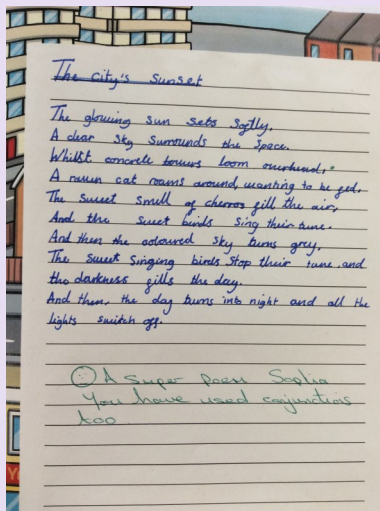
By Henri Blom

Under the bridge
Jack sees an old sign standing crookedly
Jack hears pouring rain splashing loudly
Jack feels muddy puddles soaking coldly
Jack smells magic beans fizzing carelessly
Jack sees robust wires clinging tightly
Under the bridge.

By Minnie Munro

Falcon Class

This week the children wrote wonderful poems about an abandoned space using powerful vocabulary. In maths, Year 4 have been writing tenths as decimals and Year 3 have been using scales to calculate the mass of objects, adding and subtracting to calculate the difference. In geography, they have looked at the Rocky Mountains in the USA and have been investigating the physical and human features that can be found there. In science, the children have completed their experiment to see if all plants need soil to survive and have concluded that seeds can initially germinate on any of the surfaces they investigated, but the plant does need soil to grow beyond a certain point.



WEAVING CLUB:

Our weavers have completed their projects for the term and I am sure that you will agree how wonderful they all are. The children showed imagination and creativity through their choice of pattern and materials. The group chose a Falkland Island scenery theme with many creating the landscape and the fabulous sunsets that we get here.



Meadowlark Class

In maths this week, we compared and converted different metric units of measurement to solve a range of reasoning word problems.

In English, we continued to write our formal, moon-landing reports, using a range of writing devices.

In science, we investigated the effect of water resistance on a range of different plasticine shapes to find out which shape is the most streamlined.



S.T.E.M.

Thank you to Mr Moore for being such a great sport and dressing up in the waterproof suit so that the children could give him a good soak. The children really enjoyed the testing of their S.T.E.M. houses even though the weather was more of a storm than a flood!

A special thank you to Mrs Grindlay and Mr Blom for organising the S.T.E.M. week for us.



Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 29th March KS1 Easter Bonnet and singing in aid of Turkey/Syria earthquake relief event
- Wednesday 29th March - Parents Evening 1515-1715
- 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.

Wishing you all a restful and fun weekend from all at MPS

