

Dear parents

After such a busy coronation weekend, it was good to be back in school to focus on learning. With the nasty cough and cold that is making the rounds and the dark mornings and nights, I think we are all struggling a bit with the onset of winter. A weekend of rest will hopefully recharge the batteries.

Plover Class

In Nursery this week our book focus was 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett. The children enjoyed the story and all the activities we linked to it. The children painted balloons filled with water and all of them had different predictions of what they thought was inside:

Emily: A mermaid
Kusang: A gorilla
Naomi: A fairy
Ivy: A butterfly
Molly: A tortoise

We looked at and touched a real bird's nest and made eggs out of playdough.

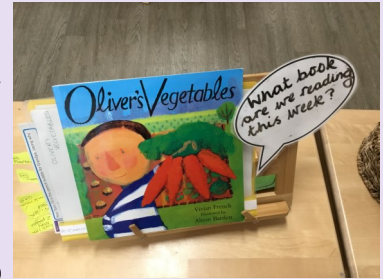
Pretend-play in Plovers ranged from going on picnics or to school, to getting our hair cut!



Albatross class:

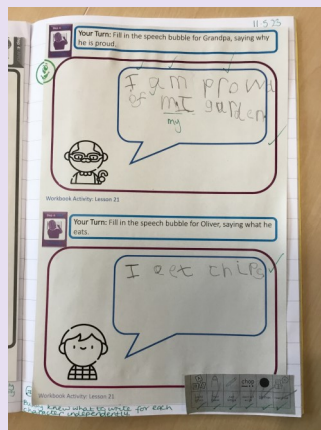
This week in Albatross class we have been reading the book Oliver's Vegetables.

In English, FS2 have been writing about the characters from the story, 'Oliver' and 'Grandpa'. We have been looking closely at vegetables, talking about how they look and then we had a go at drawing and painting them.



In physical development we have played a 'bean game' and have used peelers to peel fruit and vegetables.

In maths we have been naming 2d shapes and then using them to create shape pictures and continue repeating patterns.



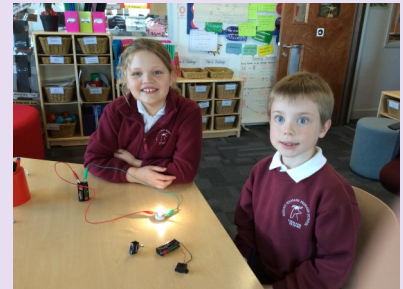
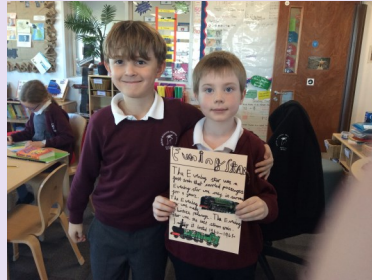
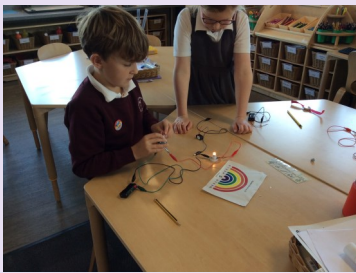
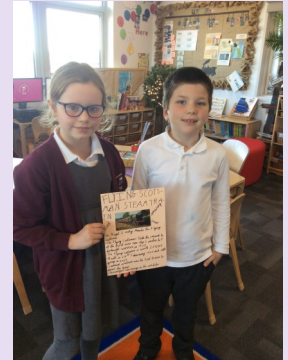
Caracara Class:

This week we've been continuing with our learning about coronations by looking at similarities and differences between 5 different monarchs. We started in 1066 with King Harold, shown on the Bayeux Tapestry, stopping at 1559, 1661, 1953 and 2023. Can you work out which monarchs we looked at? For science, we are hoping for rain every day! We have a rain gauge to measure rainfall and have begun to record the information on daily graphs. In maths, year 1s continued to focus on capacity and year 2s are working really hard to understand fractions



Falcon Class:

This week the children have been looking at how to stay safe around electricity and have experimented by making their own series circuits using bulbs, buzzers and motors using a range of components. They have also investigated why some circuits don't work. In history, the children have worked together to research a range of famous steam engines ready to make comparisons between them later in the term. They used IT and books to research and then created an information poster for the working wall - all in 20 minutes. In English, the children have started to write their own narrative based on the class text - Manfish and in maths, they have started their new topic of Money, looking at how to write amounts in decimals. In art, the children have started to look at their own designs for a sculpture based on steam trains and have been researching and sketching their design.



Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we measured the side lengths and angles of regular and irregular polygons.

In English, we started to write our survival guides, from how to endure the harsh weather from the Falklands if you get stranded, to living on a deserted island.

In art, we designed a collage of images of the Kings' coronation to contribute to a whole school display.

In Science, we did a scratch test on a variety of different materials to test their hardness.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Eliza on completing her week-long SATs tests today. Well done Eliza!



Mount Pleasant Extra!

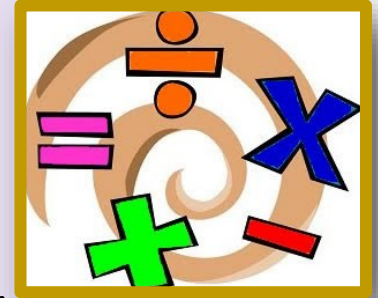
Newsletter
12th May 2023

Maths Parent Workshop Thursday 25th May (Caracara, Falcon and Meadowlark Classes)

If you have ever wanted to know how your child/ren are taught maths then please join us on Thursday 25th May at 0845-1000.

This session is of value even if you are moving from MPS at the end of the year as many UK schools use White Rose Maths.

Mr Blom will begin the session by explaining maths mastery and our calculation policy which is based on White Rose Maths and then you will have the chance to join your child in class. This sessions are not suitable for swapping over half way through, therefore if you have children in more than one class it would be great if both parents can attend.



Leaving MPS:

With so many families leaving at the end of this year, and the need to plan a series of leaving assemblies, please can you inform the school office as soon as possible of actual leaving dates? We will space assemblies out throughout the last half term.



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 12th May - 1300 Swimming starts again for 5 weeks
- Thursday 25th May - 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)
- Thursday 1st June 1700-1800- Family Quiz in aid of Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal further details to follow
- Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June - Half term
- Wednesday 21st June - Mixed art day with IJS
- Thursday 20th July - School finishes for the year at 1300

Please note the key dates for 2023-24 are available on our website

Wishing you all a restful weekend from all at MPS