

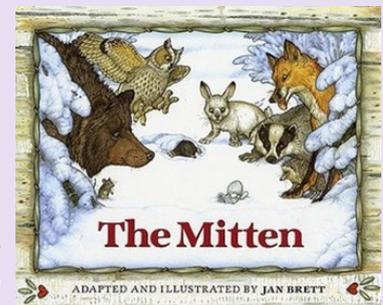
## Dear Parents

It has been great to welcome some new families to MPS for the last half term of this school year and to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes. Well done Pandora, Autumn, Alfred and William.

I can't quite believe that it is only 5 weeks until the end of term and another large turnover of families, after what has been a very successful year. I am delighted with the progress the children have made this year and the children should be proud of their achievements. The amount of progress the children have made is clear when you look back through previous books.

## Plover Class

We have enjoyed our learning in nursery this week! Our book focus was 'The Mitten' by Jan Brett. The children really enjoyed this story and we read it more than a few times. We linked a lot of creative learning in with the text, such as, making paper bag mitten books, which can be used to retell the story at home. We also painted a mitten shaped decoration to hang and made beautiful cellophane mittens for a window display. Welcome to our new friend Alfred, who has already settled in well!



## Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross, we have been using the non fiction text 'Seashore' to help support our learning. We started the week looking at and drawing our own starfish. We all made starfish out of salt dough.

In maths, FS1 have been investigating the language of numbers by counting a quantity. FS2 have been finding double numbers and adding them together to find the total.

In literacy, FS1 have been learning all about the letter 'a' and FS2 have been writing about what is found along the seashore.

We had a visit from the dental team on Tuesday and they talked to us about how to brush our teeth correctly. We practised brushing teeth after snack time and lunchtime. Thank you to Emma and Bonita for the goodie bags that they gave everyone.



## Caracara Class:

This week, Caracaras have started a new book for English called 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett. We are loving the illustrations and the environmental message that the book provides. We have been talking about past tense verbs and year 2s have been improving their vocabulary whilst changing adjectives into adverbs using the suffix -ly. In maths, year 1s have started looking at fractions. We do not use the fraction notation this year, but work hard at using the vocabulary of half and quarters, groups and sharing. Year 2s have enjoyed learning about statistics using block diagrams and pictograms of different scales. This links also with the whole class' investigation into the amount of rainfall during the winter months. As you can see, Mondays seem to have less rainfall, although we have to improve the graph as this week there was 65ml of rain in the 24-hour period! We have also enjoyed practising spellings with Spelling Shed this week.



## Falcon Class:

**Mrs Grindlay will be absent from MPS from 23rd June until 4th July (airbridge permitting). Mr Moore will be the teacher in Falcon Class until her return.**

This week Falcons have been busy making BFSAI gnomes for the Mid Winter fair. The children have had fun making pompoms and creating patterns with the BFSAI colours, hoping to create attractive decorations for you to buy as part of this money awareness and business initiative. We have welcomed a new pupil, Autumn, into the class and the children have had a lot of fun getting to know her and help her settle in. She has integrated wonderfully and it is a pleasure to welcome a new member to Falcons Class.

In our maths lessons we are continuing learning about digital time and converting minutes into hours, days and weeks.

In English, we have started to look at our new text 'Starbird' and have made predictions about what the book might contain.



## Meadowlark Class:

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term holidays.

In English this week, we read the novel, 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne. We looked at the features of a balanced argument and debated the question; 'Should wild animals like gorillas be kept in captivity?'

In maths, the Year 5's have been doing revision of long multiplication and division, whilst Eliza is continuing with planning her ideal holiday to Calgary, Canada on a budget.

We also started with planning our stall for the winter fair on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June. We will be selling popcorn, sock penguins, slime, mocktails, old toys and books. There will also be a 'nerf the teacher' area for people to have a bit of fun.



## MPS Mid Winter Fair - Monday 26th June 1430:

All classes at MPS, have been given a notional budget of £25 and asked to make items to sell at our Mid Winter Fixmas Fair which is part of our money awareness and business initiative. The costs of resources used to make items, is to be deducted from each classes profits with the class making the most profit receiving a reward.

Join us on Monday 26th June at 14:30 in the school hall, to purchase the many items and play the games the children have made to celebrate the winter season.



## Liberation Day 14th June 2023:

MPS did not go down to Stanley, to celebrate Liberation Day this year. However, we did spend time reflecting on the 74 days of the Falkland Islands Conflict and the Liberation of Stanley, on 14th June 1982. We drew on our own personal experiences and knowledge of the Falkland Islands, and using the wooden poppies which we made with the 1982 Falkland veterans, showed our respect, by gathering around CBF's flagpole.



## Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 21st June 2023 - Mixed art day with IJS
- **Monday 26th June 2023 at 1430-Mid Winter Fixmas Fair, please bring money to spend on items made by the children**
- Thursday 20th July 2023 - School finishes for the year at 1300
- Wednesday 30th August 2023 - School Starts for children
- 23rd October - 27th October 2023 Half-term School closed
- Monday 30th October 2023 - School starts for children
- Thursday 14th December 2023 - School Finishes at 1300 for Christmas Break
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 term starts for children
- Monday 19th February 2024 - 23rd February 2024 - Half-term - School closed
- Monday 26th February - School starts for children
- Thursday 28th March - Term finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 16th April 2024 - Term starts for children
- Monday 27th May 2024 - Public Holiday - School closed