

Dear Parents

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and we have begun the series of leaving assemblies for children and their families, who will not be with us in September. I am always impressed and moved by how confidently the children share their time at MPS with their peers and family. These important assemblies, and the work that leads up to them, helps bring closure for the children and enables them to become excited by the thoughts of their next adventure.

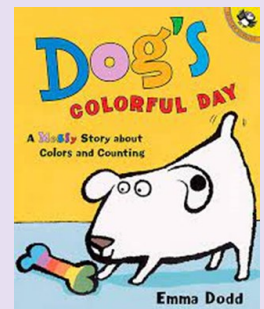
It was great fun joining in with KS1 and KS2 this morning as they created their Falkland Island inspired pictures using the technique and skill of wet felting.

Plover Class:

Our topic this week, has been very much interest-led as the children have been enjoying pretend games involving dogs/pets.

They have also loved building puzzles and been asking for them daily, so we ensured there were plenty prepared, including some which supported the development of their fine-motor skills.

Our book focus this week was 'Dog's colourful day' by Emma Dodd



Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross Class

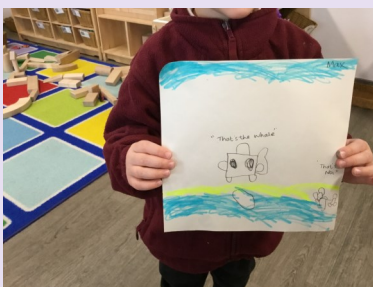
In maths FS2 have been learning to count in twos. They have used compare bears, coins and number lines to help them.

In literacy, our text focus has been 'The Storm Whale'. FS2 have been writing sentences about the book and were able to retell the story in pictures, and then writing their own account of the story. FS1 have been able to talk about the story, sequence it and draw pictures to show different parts of the story.

In creative development this week, we have been busy creating boats to help a character from the story release a whale. We created our boats out of junk modelling materials and then tested them in the water tray to see if they would float. We looked at Cape Pembroke lighthouse, which is in Stanley, and created lighthouses out of different construction materials.

We spent some time at the play park next to the school to use the equipment and play some games.

All children that are moving on, have had some 1-1 time to talk about their transition to their new school. We have looked at school websites, uniform and talked about the photos of the schools that the children will be going to.

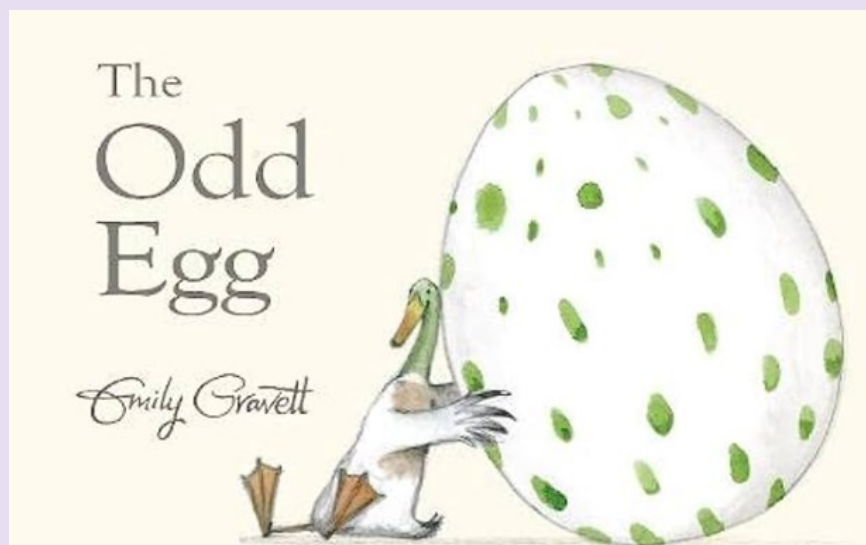
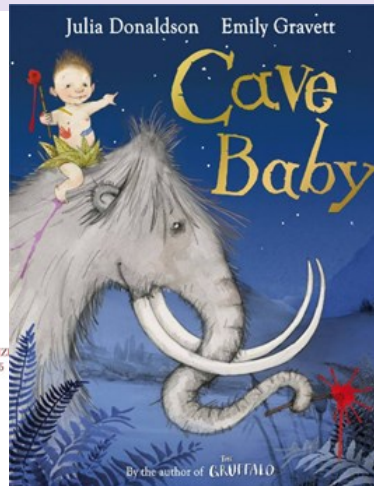
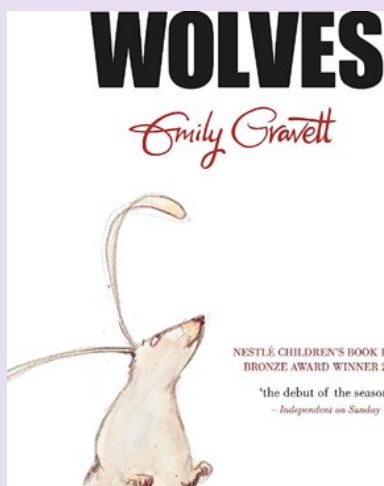
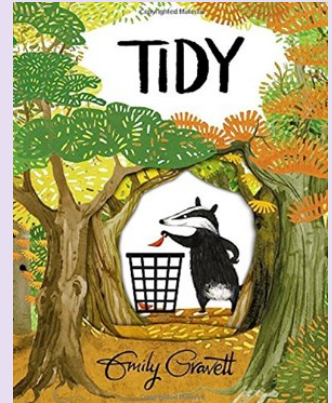


Caracara Class:

This week, Caracara class have completed their final story writing of the academic year. They retold the story of 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett. We have also read different books by the same author and illustrator and discussed the similarities.

We wrote a book review about each one and each book gained high praise.

Why not read an Emily Gravett story, as a family, by taking one out from the library?



Falcon Class:

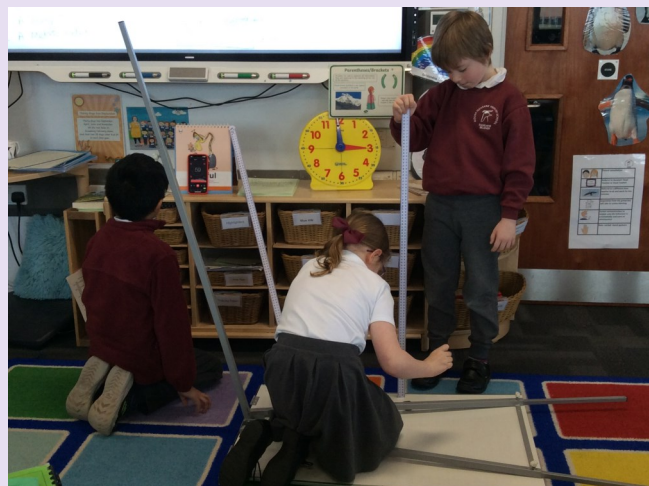
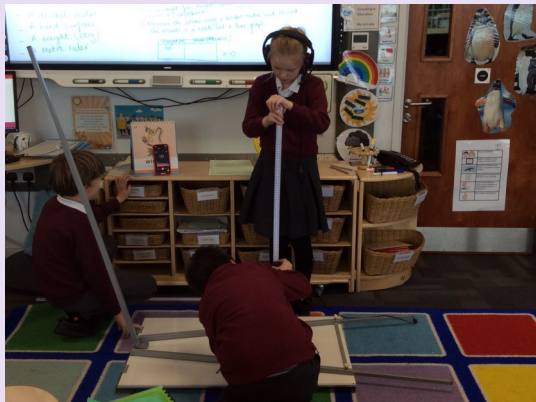
In science this week, the children have carried out an experiment to test the relationship between the height an object is dropped, and the amount of volume it creates. They worked together to plan the experiment before writing up their results and plotting them on a line graph.

"We found out that the higher the weight was dropped from, the louder the sound it makes" - Cruz.

In maths, Year 4 have completed their unit on statistics and are starting position and direction, whilst year 3 are completing their work on shape.

In English this week, the children have written independent stories ranging from fairy tales to the apocalypse, which have been a pleasure to read. I was pleased to see so many of the grammatical features taught this year included in them.

In art, Falcons have been collecting colours and images from magazines, newspapers and photographs, to create their collage images of animals in captivity which has proved to be a very messy task! They have also enjoyed a fabulous Friday designing and creating a Falklands landscape from wet felt, along with the rest of KS1 and KS2 .





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Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we have continued to revise 'tricky' topics from earlier this year, including percentages and fractions.

In English this week, we've revised main, subordinating, coordinating and relative clauses. We have also worked hard on completing our leaver's assembly presentations and wrote goodbye cards for everyone.





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Classes for September 2023

Nursery, FS1 and FS2 Albatross class due to numbers initially in one class with Mrs Blom and Mr Moore

KS1 in Caracara Class with Mrs Hill

LKS2 in Falcon Class with Mrs Grindlay

UKS2 in Meadowlark Class with Mr Blom

The children will have a story session in their classroom, with their new teacher, on Wednesday 19th July at 14:30. Children who are leaving us will have a story in the hall with Mrs Stobart and Mrs Summers.

Staffing News:

Mrs Collins has received her posting notice and will be with us briefly at the start of next term, after dropping her daughter at boarding school, before then departing MPS on 19th September.

Due to the number of children currently at MPS, Defence Children Services have asked MPS to transfer another member of teaching staff. This will be to Cyprus, where there is a business need. Mr Blom and family will therefore be leaving us once clearance and posting paperwork is completed and posting is confirmed. This will be at some point in the next academic year. Further details to follow, once posting becomes clearer.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 18th July - School Disco
 - Plovers and Albatross class 1430-1500 with collection as usual at the end of the day
 - Caracara Class, Falcon and Meadowlark class 1505-1540
- 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