

## Dear Parents

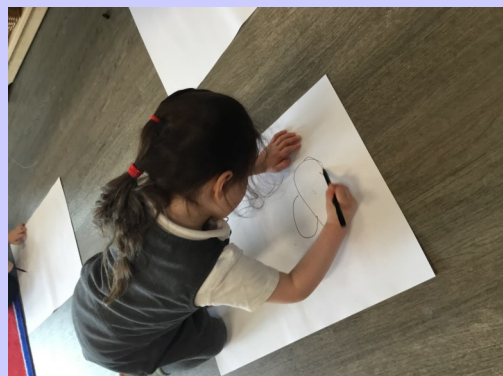
What a fabulous morning and a great way to share more about MPS with our families. It was great to see everyone enjoying learning with their children and it was a great opportunity to find out more about what is happening in class this term.

Thank you Mrs Summers for leading a really informative session for parents on phonics and reading. If you have any further questions please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Summers who is happy to address your questions.

## In Albatross Class:

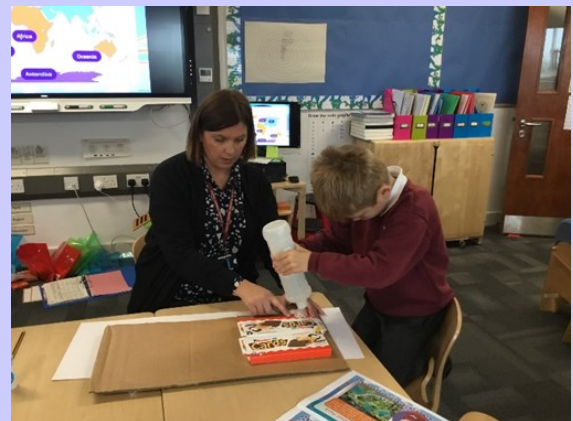
Another busy week for Albatross class and our first full week for some children. We have been busy making our own albatrosses to hang outside our classroom. If you peak through the window, you'll see them soaring through our corridor. The children had lots of fun painting them and decorating the back of them - giving a splash of colour. They look great hanging above our lockers. We also talked about 'self-portraits'. We thought about the features we might need if we were drawing ourselves, then got some BIG paper and set to work. The children also enjoyed having a little bit of time using our computers. We are persevering with our mouse control skills and we are beginning to get the hang of it.

Thank you to our grown ups too who were able to make the 'launchpad' event. The children loved having you in their classroom, sharing their learning and playing alongside you. It was lovely to see some of our 'Colour Monster' activities being completed with your help and support!



## In Caracara Class:

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our Launchpad. It was great seeing the 3D models of landscapes from different continents coming together. We finished our models after the launchpad event and wrote a label with the name of the landscape and where in the world it can be found. A fantastic introduction to our learning about continents and oceans!



## In Falcon Class:

The Falcons have learned all about Stone Age art this week. Firstly, we discussed the meaning of prehistory, BC and AD, and then ordered a timeline of the prehistoric period. They also learned the archaeological period names for each era. After researching the Lascaux Cave in France, Altamira Cave in Spain, and Cheddar Gorge in the UK, the children practised sketching animals using charcoal in their sketchbooks. During launchpad today, the children worked in pairs to make a small version of a cave and will go onto create a cave drawing, using some of the materials that the Stone Age people actually used, such as charcoal, berries and ochre. They will be drawing straight onto the cave walls so that they can experience how difficult it was! In maths we have been revising our place value representing numbers up to 10,000. We are continuing to discuss and read our class book 'Stig of the Dump' and the children have been learning how to describe events from the point of view of another person.



## In Meadowlark Class:

This week Meadowlark class started with our class novel 'War Horse', which is written by Michael Morpurgo. We completed a range of comprehension questions and discussed the characters and setting. In maths, we looked at place value and ordering numbers up to 10 000 000.

In science we discussed the life cycles of different mammals and created a 'wheel of life'. In history we discussed the term 'imperialism' and looked at how WW1 started.

## Housekeeping: Reminders

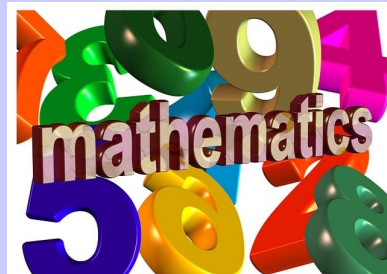
- PE next week on Monday.
- Spellings, maths and English homework will be sent home today.
- HW needs to be returned next week on Wednesday.
- Please ensure that your child reads daily and record it in their reading record.
- Swimming starts next Friday

I would also like to thank the parents of Meadowlark for joining in with our Launchpad event this morning - thank you for your support.



## Swimming:

Children in FS2-Year 6 will be swimming on Friday afternoons, from **Friday 15th September**. Please ensure your child has their swimming costume in school.



## Maths Workshop Wednesday 20th September 0845-0915

Following on from the success of Mrs Summers Phonics and Reading workshop. Mr Blom would like to invite the parents of children in FS2- Year 4 into school on **Wednesday 20th September**. This session is aimed at parents who have not attended a maths workshop at MPS previously.



## **Dates for your Diary until Easter 2024**

- Tuesday 12th September - Clubs Start - 1505-1600
- Friday 15th September-1st Swimming
- Wednesday 20th September- Maths Workshop 0845-0915 in school hall- Mr Blom to lead
- **Wednesday 4th October - Parents Evening - 1515-1730-Please note change of date**
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October Half Term
- Monday 30th October - 2nd Half Term starts for children
- Friday 10th November or Saturday 11th November Remembrance - Event & Timings to be confirmed
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need - Events TBC
- Friday 1st December - Christmas Tree decoration Event at 1400
- Thursday 7th December - Christingle in the school hall at 1415
- Wednesday 13th December - School Production at 1400
- Thursday 14th December - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 School Starts for children
- Friday 12th January - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad at 1415
- Friday 2nd February - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6 - 1330
- Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February - Half Term
- Monday 26th February 2nd Half term starts for children
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day - details TBC
- Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening 1515-1730
- Thursday 28th March - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 16th April - School Starts for children

**Full year term dates can be found on our website.**

***Wishing you all a relaxing weekend from all at MPS***