

Dear Parents

Another busy week at MPS has simply flown by. It has been lovely to welcome Ava and Lucy to the school and to see them settle so well.

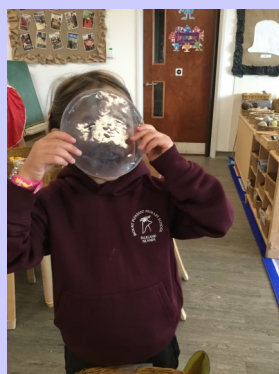
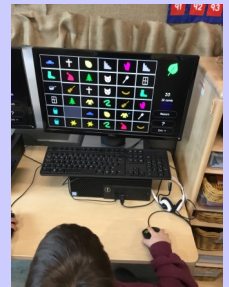
It was great to take the children swimming today and it was lovely to see all children having a go and showing us how confident they are in the water.

In Albatross Class:

This week has been a messy week in Albatross Class! We have had a sandy swamp, squelchy aqua beads and some soft and squishy cloud dough. The children all enjoyed exploring the different textures and thinking about how they felt.

Some of our learning focussed on making sets of things or finding matching pairs. We enjoyed a memory game on the computer, playing Snap or Dobble and also used different resources in the classroom to play a 'What's in the bag?' guessing game.

It was also very exciting to start some of our new routines. We had fun in the hall on Tuesday afternoon taking part in a PE session. This week we created our own obstacle course and worked on some of our throwing and catching skills. We visited the library on Thursday afternoon and chose a book to take home to share with our grown-ups. To finish the week, our FS2 children had their first MPS swimming session as well so a very busy and fun-filled week! Great job Albatrosses!



In Caracara Class:

This week, the children of Caracara Class have been learning to develop their independent skills by using the learning chart. One of the tasks was to identify the continent and label the countries of that continent. The children worked as a team and used a globe and an atlas to succeed in this task.



Henri

"I enjoyed looking for the countries. We used the atlases and the globe."

Alfie

"We labelled the countries by using the book and the globe. I like listening to stories on the computer."

We are also excited to see that the seeds that we planted ten days ago are starting to grow. We found out that sunflower seeds grow the quickest; some of us have had to show great patience to see the seedling. We like comparing the sizes of our seedlings and will continue to monitor their growth.



George

"I have enjoyed learning how to use the computer. I read a book and played a maths challenge."

Pandora

"I like using the learning chart. I also liked writing down the countries."

William

"I enjoyed learning about Mondrian. Mondrian created a new type of art."

In Falcon Class:

This week in maths, the children have partitioned numbers to 1,000 and 10,000 and found 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than any given number on a number line. In addition, they have learned how to place numbers on the number line. In English, they have looked at prepositions for time, place and cause and used them to create descriptive sentences also learning how important it is to add expression to speech when reading aloud. History this week has taken them on a tour of the 'Old and Middle Stone Age' where they compared the lifestyles of people living in both eras, looking at clothes, homes, tools and environment. In art, the children have used natural products and coffee to create aged paper in preparation for their Stone Age art next week. They have completed their caves and have learned how to add strength to support their original frames.

Reminders:

Homework will be issued on Friday and is due the following Wednesday.

PE is on Mondays so please can you ensure that your children have their full PE kit available in their lockers.

Spellings for the week are assessed on a Friday morning. You should have the spellings in your curriculum pack issued at the start of term. Next week we will be learning Week 3



In Meadowlark Class:

This week, we continued with our class novel, 'War Horse'. We analysed a description of a battle scene, focusing on the use of onomatopoeia, similes and metaphors to describe a scene in WW1. In maths, we learnt how to use negative numbers in context and round numbers up to 1,000 000.

In science we discussed the gestation periods of different mammals, doing research on our favourite animals. In history, we learnt about the trenches of WW1 and what life was like for a soldier on the frontline.

In art, we have started to draw an image of a WW1 soldier that will be used for display in our classroom.

Housekeeping: Reminders

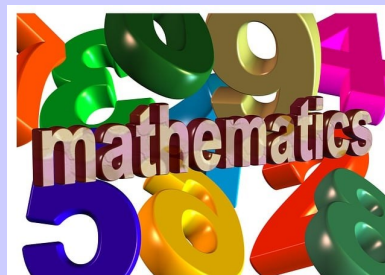
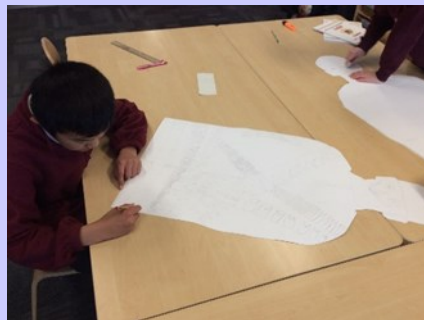
PE next week on Monday.

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 records in their Reading Record.

Swimming on Friday afternoon



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

- 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 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 fun packed weekend, with possible snow, from all at
MPS*

