

Dear Parents

There has been lots of exciting learning happening in school this week, from work around the story of 'Mr Big', plants in science, Stone Age cave paintings and WW1. It has been great to see the children so engaged in their learning.

We are delighted that the Head of Defence Children Services, Ms Beverley Martin (Bev) and the Assistant Chief Education Officer Rest of World, Mr Rowland Bucknill (Rowley) will be visiting the Falklands and MPS from the morning of 10th October to the 13th October 2023, to find out more about MPC and the school provision. We intend to hold a parent session to say 'hello' to our visitors over a cup of tea/coffee on Thursday 12th October at 14:00.

In Albatross Class: In Albatross class, it was lovely to welcome back our friend Kusang this week and see our classroom getting busier! Lots of working together and playing alongside friends which is great to see.

Our story focus was 'Mr Big' and at the end of the week, we had a go at creating our own 'versions' of him using pens and paint sticks. Mr Big also bought a piano in the story, so on Friday morning, we explored the mini keyboards in class. It was lots of fun making music and having a little dance to our musical creations.

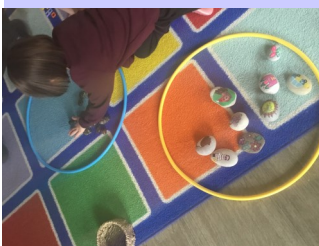


In maths, we were continuing to spot matching pairs and began comparing amounts working out when there were more, fewer or equal amounts. We enjoyed threading too using pasta and string - it was tricky to thread but we persevered! Great job Albatross class.

A couple of reminders too -

PE is on a Tuesday afternoon so please can PE kits be sent in on this day or they can be left in school in lockers.

Library is on a Thursday, so can books be returned that day too so they can be changed? Thank you!



In Caracara Class: This week Caracara class have continued to record the growth of their plants, and are waiting patiently for the weather to warm up slightly so that we can re-pot them outside. In science, we reinforced our understanding of flower and tree terminology by creating large 'diagrams' and labelled the key features. The year 2s have continued with place value in maths, by flexibly partitioning numbers to 100 thinking about how to partition the tens and ones in different ways. Everyone has worked hard at developing their understanding of conjunctions in English this week. We have continued to use our Learning Chart which the children are becoming more autonomous with now.



Henri

I enjoyed playing football at break time.

Pandora

I enjoyed playing the rhyming game.

George

I liked playing Hoo! Ha! to practise my number bonds to



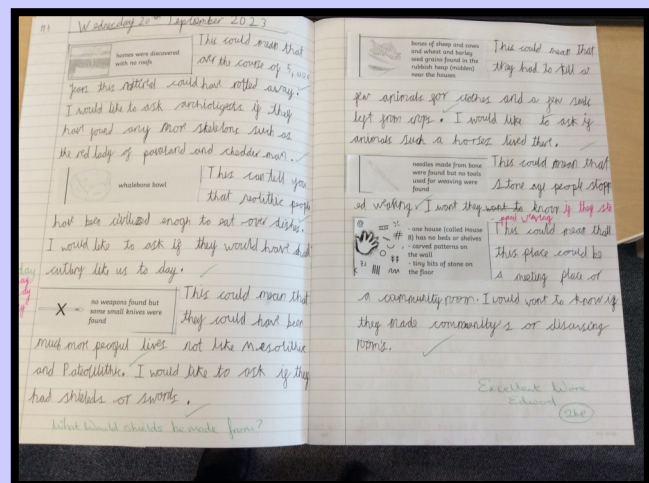
William

I enjoyed doing art and creating my own Mondrian picture.



In Falcon Class:

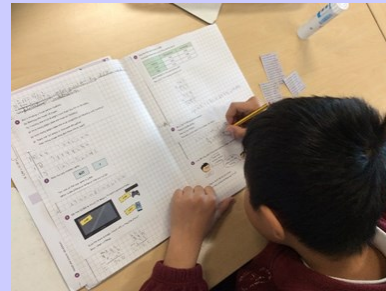
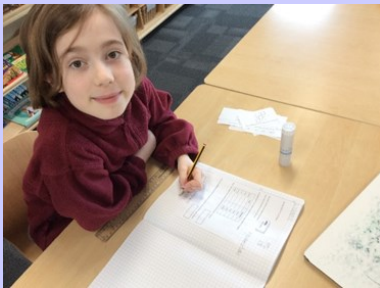
The children have had a busy week revising their place value knowledge and are beginning their addition and subtraction topic. In English, they have learned how to use a/an, written a play script and turned the play script into a short extract, using inverted commas and rules for direct speech. In history the children have learned about Skara Brae and how life changed from the Mesolithic hunter gathering, to a Neolithic farming community. They looked at evidence from the site and thought about what this evidence can tell us about their way of life. We also created a cave, lit by firelight, so that the children could try their hand at making their own cave art using natural products such as berries, plants and charcoal. Some found it very difficult to create a painting and they made comparisons between the pictures created at their desks, and those in their cave, giving them a real appreciation of what amazing artists the Stone Age people were.



In Meadowlark Class:

In English this week, we wrote and described a WW1 battle scene, focusing on the use of onomatopoeia, similes and personification. In maths, we learnt how to do column addition and subtraction, whilst solving word problems.

In science, we looked at the foetal development of babies. In history, we learnt about the fascinating WW1 naval battle that took place off the coast of Port Stanley in 1914.



Dates for your Diary until Easter

- Wednesday 4th October - Parents Evening
- 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 an enjoyable weekend from all at MPS.