

Dear Parents

Half term already seems a long time ago and we are back into the swing of learning here at MPS. We have a focus this half term on our value of 'perseverance' and it has been good to see this in action around school, with the children developing new skills by not giving up when things are tricky at first.

Thank you for your understanding on Thursday morning when the school was closed due to a power outage, it was good to welcome everyone back in for the afternoon.

Mrs Stobart will be away from MPS from Tuesday 7th November (airbridge permitting) until the morning of 21st November, as she is attending training both in the UK and Cyprus. Mrs Summers will be in charge in her absence, although Mrs Stobart will be supporting from afar and responding to emails.

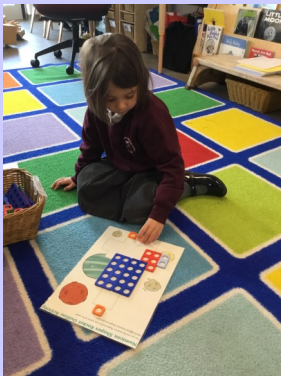
In Plover Class:

This week we welcomed Rowan to Nursery! We had fun exploring all the things to do in the classroom and started learning our routines. We also enjoyed stories about families and feelings and sang lots of nursery rhymes. Our focus this half term is 'Being Me' so we will be learning about ourselves and families. We're looking forward to it!



In Albatross Class:

Our book focus this week in Albatross was 'Tiny Little Rocket' so in our classroom, we have been finding out a little bit more about space. We made our own rocket ship using the large construction blocks, as well as the International Space Station using other construction materials. FS2 challenged themselves with the numicon to find different ways to create a mini rocket, where they had to visualise which numbers would fill the spaces on the template. We all enjoyed some messy play using shaving foam - we liked drawing patterns in the foam and practised our names or beginning letters. A very busy and enjoyable first week back! Well done everyone.



In Caracara Class:

Welcome back! This week we've started looking at our new text for English, 'The Night Gardener'. In geography, our focus is on Antarctica. We've used books to find out about the Arctic and Antarctica and will be comparing what we found out next week. In maths, the children are learning about addition and subtraction, involving related facts that speeds up mental calculation. Many of the children are now in the habit of using 1 Minute Maths which continues to support the quick recall of addition and subtraction facts.



In Falcon Class:

It seems as though this week has flown by! The children have worked hard, particularly in maths where the year 3s have been adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using the formal column method and the Year 4s have been learning about calculating the area of a 2D shape. In art the children have looked at images painted by Henri Rousseau and compared them with those painted by Nixiwaka Yawanawa - an indigenous Amazonian who creates the most amazingly colourful paintings of the rainforest. They looked at composition, colouring, the main subject and the meaning behind the paintings, and learned that Henri Rousseau never actually visited a rainforest and was imagining what it would look like from his visits to zoos!



Meadowlark Class:

Our first week back in school has been very busy indeed! Halloween biscuits were plentiful on Monday, thanks to the mess chefs, Trent and Stu who helped us make some scary looking gingerbread biscuits. The children went home with at least 3 beautifully decorated biscuits, which looked absolutely scrumptious - sweet, but scrumptious!

Fractions have been the theme of the week in maths: simplifying, equivalent and placing on a number line. In English, we have begun to immerse ourselves in the book 'Origin of Species' the original being published by Charles Darwin in 1859. In science, our theme continues with 'evolution and inheritance' thinking about the meaning and application of words such as 'offspring', 'variation', 'characteristics' and 'environmental' into our scientific learning.



MPC Armistice Day Memorial Service:



As Remembrance day falls on Saturday this year, we are not attending this memorial service on base as a school. We would like to encourage all families and staff to attend the memorial service on base, which is occurring behind Jones Avenue, on Saturday 11th November 2023. Please can all families and staff attending be in place by 10:45 at the latest.

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 11th November Remembrance - 1045 be in place at back of Jones Avenue
- 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
- Monday 6th May-May Bank Holiday-No School
- Monday 27th May- May Bank Holiday- No school
- Monday 3rd June- Friday 7th June- Half Term
- Wednesday 24th July- Last Day of Term- School Finishes at 1515

Wishing you all a relaxing and fun packed weekend exploring the Falklands from all at MPS.