

Dear Parents

It was lovely to welcome you all to our Christingle yesterday afternoon. Making the Christingles together was a great way to think about the significance of the parts of the Christingle and gave us opportunity to reflect on what we are all thankful for.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Nativity play "A very Special Baby" on Wednesday 13th December at 1400.



In Plovers:

We've had a busy couple of mornings in Plovers class this week. We have been getting into a festive mood by doing lots of art for Christmas decorations and singing Christmas songs! Rowan has also had lots of fun on the climbing frames and in the play tunnel!



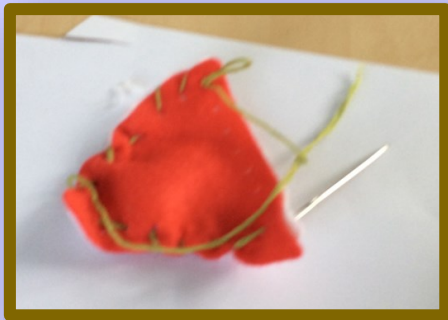
In Albatross Class:

This week we have been busy practising our pattern skills. For FS1 this was having a go at a simple repeating pattern, such as red blue red blue red blue. FS2 were challenging themselves to a trickier sort of pattern that may have had 2 parts or repeated in other ways! This was really testing our thinking skills. We have also enjoyed decorating our class Christmas tree, taking it all off and redressing it a different way! We made our own little wreaths and some of us even thought about making patterns on them - either repeating patterns or adding symmetrical elements to it. It was also lovely to see everyone at our Christingles event on Thursday, the Albatross children certainly enjoyed having their grown up here to support them and take part in the event with them.



In Caracara Class:

The children have been working hard in maths to learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They have carried out improvements to writing in English as well as developing their understanding of sentence punctuation. The children have had the choice to make a second tree decoration independently. As you can see, they have worked well to complete it without any adult support. They have also enjoyed practising the school play and look forward to you all coming to watch it next week.



In Falcon Class:

It has been another busy week in Falcons class, finishing off pieces of work and getting organised for the end of term, as well as looking forward to the Christmas holidays and the forthcoming nativity play.

This week in English, the children have been researching all about polar bears and are beginning to write an information text, packed with information about their diet, habitat, appearance and other interesting facts. In geography, we have been looking at the animals that live in the rainforests of the world and asking why they live in each particular layer and not others. Some children carried out an independent activity, where they were asked to classify a range of rainforest animals in different ways. I was very impressed with their grouping which included, types of animals (mammals, amphibians, birds etc) and then whether they were omnivore, carnivore or herbivores, as well as which layers of the rainforest they live in. In maths, Year 3 are completing their multiplication learning with the 8 times tables and Year 4 have completed their unit on length and perimeter.

There will be no homework this week but please remember to regularly read with your child and practice the times tables.



In Meadowlark:

Meadowlarks are still working hard, achieving great work in the run up to the Christmas holidays. In English we are working on poetry - a rhyming couplet - taking inspiration from Charles Darwin's journey to the Brazilian rainforest. In maths, Y6 are learning about ratio and Y5, multiplication and division of up to 4 numbers. Geography has been very interesting, with research centred around the human and physical features of the very beautiful country of Greece. In between all this hard work, we enjoyed the Christingle event yesterday and are relishing the nativity rehearsals, ready to put on a perfect performance for you all on Wednesday 13th.

Here are a few jokes from Meadowlark's Advent calendar:

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?	Tinselitis
What happens to elves when they are naughty?	Santa gives them the sack!
What do you call an old snowman?	Water!
What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?	A Christmas quacker:

Dates for your Diary

- 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 festive weekend, from all at MPS

