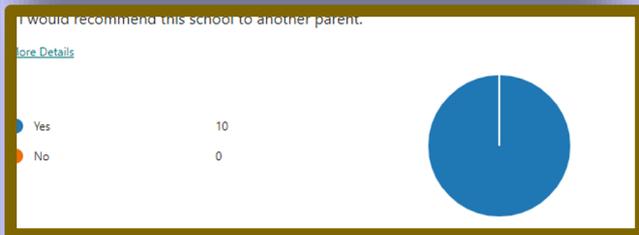
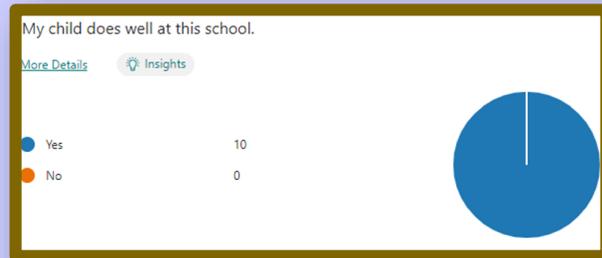
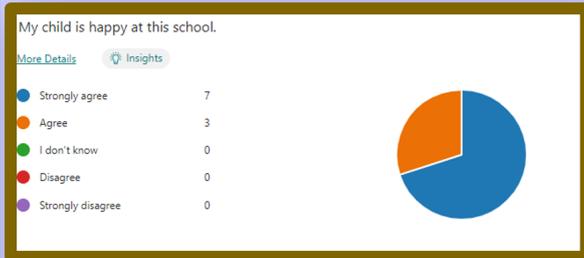


Dear Parents

Another busy week here at MPS with the children enjoying learning. It is really great to see the children making such good progress and being enthusiastic about finding out new things.

Thank you to those parents who completed the parental survey. It is really useful for the school to reflect on your opinions and I was delighted that everyone was so positive.



I will be in the UK next week to undertake some work at Defence Children Services headquarters in Upavon. I will be leaving MPS on 19th January and returning to school on Tuesday 30th January - airbridge permitting. Mrs Summers will be in charge in my absence.

Plover Class:

This week in Plovers, we have started making Japanese fish kites using paints and tissue paper. We will be making different sorts of kites over the next couple of weeks - hopefully we will be able to get them flying! The children have also enjoyed lots of role play dressing up and sensory play in the sand pit.



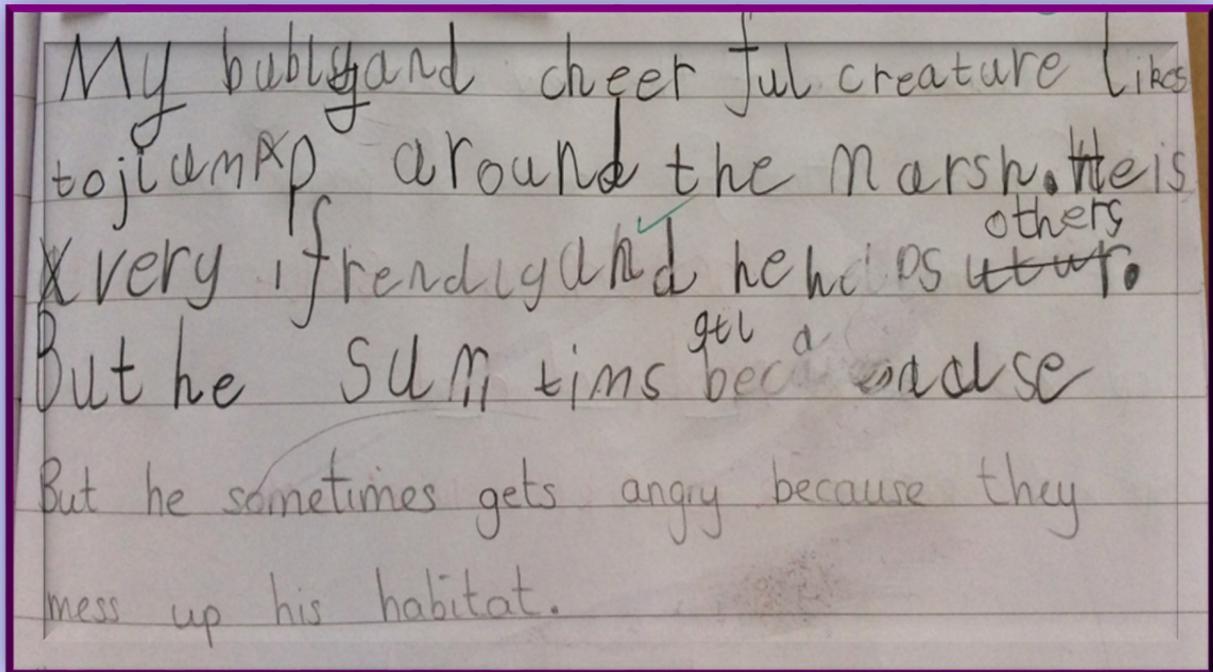
Albatross Class:

This week we finished off our 'Superbat' learning in FS2 and we all found out more about nocturnal animals. We made our own clay animals trying our best to follow the visual instructions to make them. We thought the clay was tricky to use at first as it felt so hard but once we rolled it and stretched it a bit, it became easier to use. We have enjoyed being back at school together and it was great to welcome a new friend to Albatross class last week. We've enjoyed lots of building with the blocks, using the water beads in the water tray, creating animal homes in the sand and outdoors we enjoyed the benefits the sunny weather brought! We had lots of fun working together in the big sand pit and there has been all sorts of potions being made in the outdoor kitchen.



Caracaras:

This week, Caracaras have been busy describing to introduce them to the new English unit 'Bog Baby'. They have created their own bog baby with a detailed description about its appearance, characteristics and where it lives. In computing we are learning to create an e-book about our likes and achievements. We have completed the headings and taken photos so that we can import them next week. We have had great fun in music starting to learn to play the glockenspiel.



By George



Falcon Class:

How the week has flown by! Falcons have been busy this week and are getting warmed up to being back in school mode after a long holiday.

The children completed their amazing non-chronological reports on Polar bears which are proudly displayed in

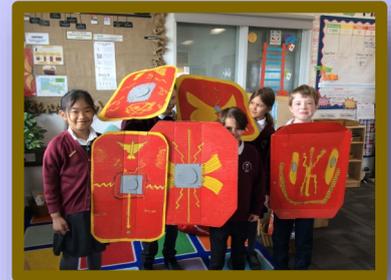


the school hall, and have started to immerse themselves into the new topic of Romans.

Launchpad was a great start to creating their Roman shields and throughout the week, the children have applied themselves so that they are finished ready for our Roman day next week. What a fearsome bunch they make!

The children have learned about the social structure of Rome in history and have decided that from all the social groups, they would prefer to be a plebeians as they could vote but didn't have the stress of being in a position of wealth or power. Only one child wanted to be Emperor, can you guess who?

In maths, Year 3 have learned how to multiply by 10 and how to use this reasoning to calculate, and Year 4 have been recapping the use of factor pairs as well as multiplying and dividing by 100.



Our science learning this week has focussed on rocks and the children learned the differences between extrusive and intrusive igneous rocks.

Meadowlark Class:

We have had a busy, busy week! Lots of learning has taken place, with the children even commenting on how 'the time has gone fast!' We have learned more about Shackleton and his crew's adventures across the Antarctic in Endurance, and learned how to use figurative language to up-level and enhance our writing. Maths has been challenging (nothing unusual there) with a focus on problem solving and explaining our understanding and methods.

These are our 'atmospheric poems' on which we have worked hard to engage the reader, by using figurative language to describe the harsh conditions for the Endurance and its crew's journey across the pack ice.

Bitter giant jigsaw pieces,
Beneath the ominous veil of
grey,
Uninhabited floating islands,
Traacherous and harsh,
Horrible, unrelenting winds,
Monstrous waves aggressive
as ever,
An unpredictable ice beast.

Unpredictable weather,
Hostile ice freezing the ship,
Jigsaw of ice puzzled our
minds,
Freezing cold wind pushing
the men,
Blizzard covering the ship in
the snow,
Icebergs scraping the ship.

Ice crashing, crunching the
ship,
It was like glass had shattered,
Icy beast laughing at our pain,
Bitter wind drained our cheer,
Howling blizzard froze my men,
The mass was overwhelming,
It was unpredictable and rough,
Icy towers—vicious.



Swimming:

Currently we are unable to take the children swimming due to the need to have booster seats in the MT vehicles. We are looking at purchasing some for the school but delivery time is slow. In addition the pool will be closed shortly for a

period of time for repairs. We will review the situation with swimming again after half term.



Clubs: Parent Volunteers needed

Staff kindly volunteer to run clubs over a two term period usually the Autumn and Spring term. Due to reduced staffing and an acknowledgement of Falklands winter, we are going to offer clubs again in the summer term (winter months).

MPS is aware that we may not offer as many clubs as you would ideally like and are always on the look out for parents or people on the wider base, who could offer clubs for us. Please call the office if you are able to support further with this.

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 2nd February - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6- on the football pitch if weather is kind or Tumbledown if not. * PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL NOW START AT 1400 and the office will keep you informed on the day of venue**
- **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**

Hoping that summer remains with us for the weekend from all at MPS