

## Dear Parents

The week has flown by with lots of super learning taking place . Please enjoy a browse through the newsletter to see for yourself the creative teaching and learning taking place and how hard everyone has been working.

The weekend starts tomorrow, so let us hope that the weather is as glorious as it is today, with very little wind and rain, making it pleasurable for all.

## Plover Class:

We've made the most of the sunny weather this week in Plover class, with the children having lots of fun with sand and water in the outdoors kitchen. Indoors, the children have had lots of small world play. The children have also enjoyed making Japanese fish kites, especially sticking on the streamer tails.



## Albatross Class:

From creating with clay to exploring the world around us and of course saving it from werewolves for good measure - we have had a very busy week in Albatross class. The clay we used last week was regularly requested and lots of us have been using it to make all sorts of models and creations. It will certainly help us to develop those fine motor skills as it was still tough to manipulate! We began to think about 'Our Place in the World' exploring the globe and looking at the different countries around the world. Our superhero book this week was 'Newspaper Boy and Origami Girl' and we found out the art of origami originated in Japan. We talked about our own lives and significant places to us. We will soon bring home a sheet for us to add in the countries that form part of our life story. It will be sent home on Friday - please can it be filled in and returned to help us add to our world wall. Finally, the theme of superheroes was certainly in the air this week - we enjoyed using the capes and masks and creating our own superhero stories, often protecting the world from baddies or werewolves!

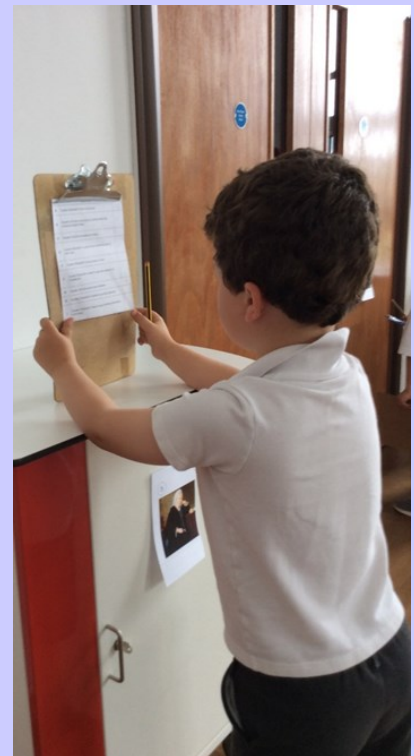
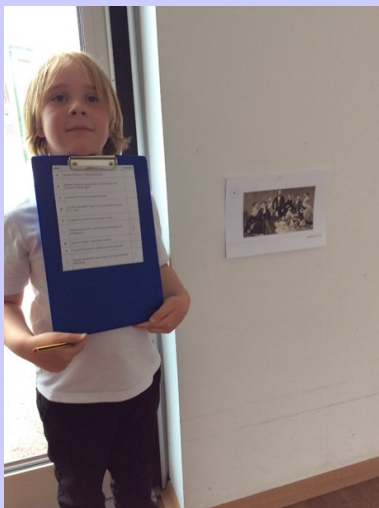




## Caracaras:

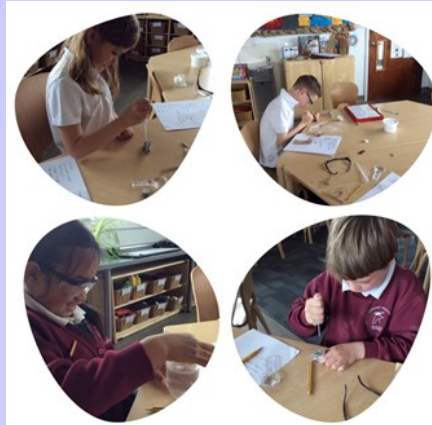
This week, Caracaras continue to be busy in all subjects! We have enjoyed learning to play Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star using glockenspiels and are trying to follow different beats. In maths, year 1s have been busy problem solving with numbers to 20 and using the number line whilst year 2s have been working hard at adding two, 2-digit numbers using different strategies. We have started to plan our stories in English and look forward to writing them next week. In D.T. this term we are studying mechanisms and this week we focused on finding out which materials make the best sliders for a moving image on paper.

I think the most exciting for them all this week has been history! They were fully engaged in finding out about significant events during Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II's reigns. We have been historians, looking at sources to find the evidence to support the factual statements. The children loved looking at all the different types of images of the queens.



## Falcons:

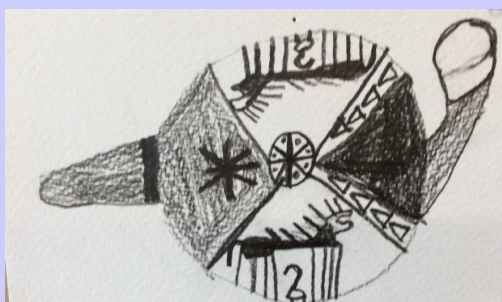
What a fun week, Year 3 & 4 have had a jam packed week full of learning too. In science the children chose chocolate bars that best represented the properties of the three different types of rock and labelled their cross section drawings with the different features. They then carried out an investigation to see which rocks were the most durable, permeable, dense and which had the largest crystals. They then grouped the rocks into order from most to least and found out that Metamorphic rocks are the best for buildings.



Roman Day was a big hit, even though the outfits weren't! Firstly, we met Centurian Tibirius, who talked to us about life in the Roman army and what made the army so powerful. He was highly informative and kept the children laughing all the way through. Secondly, the children made Roman coins using clay, etching their profile onto the surface and writing their names on and the date in Roman numerals. After lunch (outfits discarded), we were joined by the wonderful AS1 Josh Billingham and L/Cpl Trina Bascombe who showed the children how to make Roman pitta bread and a Roman style salad. Of course, to make it much more palatable to the children, they also had the idea of turning the pitta bread into a delicious pizza using Mediterranean ingredients and the children learned that Pizza wasn't actually invented until the 1800's. To round off the day, the children continued with their mosaic art, placing small stones on their plates to create an image, in preparation for their grouting next week. A big thank you to all of the children for taking part, parents who sorted the outfits and the volunteers who made the day extra special.

## Meadowlarks

We have really enjoyed our Ancient Greek work this week, learning such a lot from our Greek artefacts. They provided some evidence to allow us to infer how life possibly was in Ancient Greece. Theseus and the Minotaur has been an extremely interesting topic, which has started our journey into learning about myths and legends and Greek Gods and Goddesses.





## 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*