

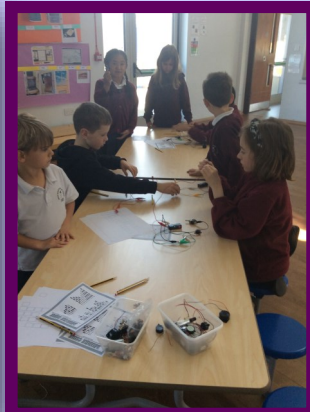
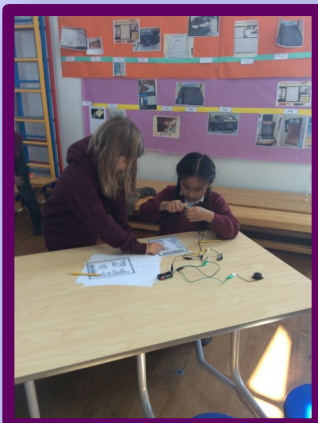
Dear Parents

We have had a fascinating and busy week in school finding out more about communication and in particular how Falkland Islanders have communicated with each other through the ages.

We have created timelines using different modes of communication, learnt some semaphore, learnt Morse code, visited BFBS to discover how a radio broadcast is made and found out about Artificial Intelligence and the importance of internet safety.

A big thank you to all staff for leading a session and to Tamsin from BFBS for sharing with us how she became a BFBS broadcaster and for a great hands on tour of the BFBS studio.

Communication Week:

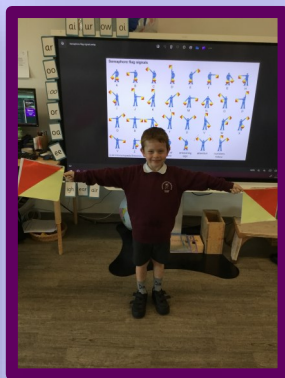


Albatross Class:

What a super busy week it has been in Albatross class. We have managed to cram in lots of learning and lots of fun. We enjoyed our 'flag making' on Tuesday as we learned more about 'semaphore flags' as part of our whole school collapsed curriculum focus. We were very good at copying the diagram to 'show' the different letters with the flags. We looked at our initial letter for the most part but some children challenged themselves to do their full name! FS2 took part in a 'Morse code' session on Wednesday afternoon meanwhile FS1 were getting messy in the classroom. We had so much fun with the slime, we used it again on Thursday. It was very messy and very yucky!

We enjoyed exploring bubbles most of all - we experimented with how to make our own mixture as part of our science activity and once perfected, we enjoyed blowing our own bubbles. We even made giant ones for us to stand inside of!

We are looking forward to more learning next week and on Wednesday/Thursday, Mrs Stobart has the pleasure of teaching Albatross class as Mr Moore will be with Meadow-lark class on their residential.



Caracaras:

This week in Caracara we've welcomed Jack to the class. It's lovely to have a new face and we hope that he will enjoy his time with us! In English this week, we've been looking at how to write instructions for making a Bog Baby. The children have had lots of fun deciding how to make theirs before we write the instructions next week.

In maths, Year 1 have been working on doubling and Year 2 have started money. Our cross curricular week has been fabulous - we all enjoyed a trip to BFBS with Tamsin to find out about Forces broadcasting, and learning how to use semaphore and Morse code in the afternoons.



Falcons:

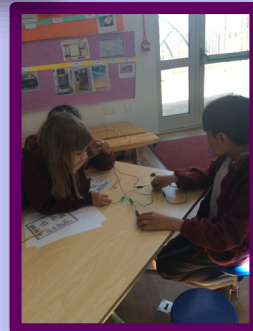
In science, the children set up an experiment to show them how erosion worked on cliff faces and hilltops. They created a landscape with sand and placed objects to represent roads and buildings on the top. They then saw how soft waves carry sand from place to place. They then created a storm, which over time caused the cliff faces to crack and eventually collapse. They also looked at how rain and river water can create valleys and how wind can erode soil. A big focus this month is grammar, particularly capital letters, full stops, commas for lists and fronted adverbials and the use of speech marks. The children know the rules but often 'forget' to put them in their writing which is an area for improvement in both year groups. Maths has seen a refreshing change as we moved to our new topic of length and perimeter.



Meadowlarks:

In English, we are part way through writing a magazine article about Colby Coombs, the mountaineer who has pursued extreme outdoor pursuits, like climbing Mount Everest. In maths, Jack and Cruz are working hard with fractions of quantities and amounts and Eleanor, has been adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals by 10 and 100 and 1000. Well done to all!

As part of our history week, Cruz has enjoyed learning how to communicate using Morse code. It was also great fun to visit BFBS, Thank you to Tamsin, for making the experience very enjoyable by showing us the stations where the presenters broadcast and recording the children, all-in-all an inspiring and memorable visit!



Next week, we are all looking forward to our residential at Fitzroy with Stanley IJS - watch this space for some super photos!!!

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 14th February - Thursday 15th February - Meadowlarks Residential
- 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