

Dear Parents

I can't believe that the Easter Break will soon be with us and we will all have a well earned rest to recharge, ready for the winter months out here in the Falklands.

It always impresses me that in the short spring term, so much learning is squeezed in and the children demonstrate the great progress they have made since the start of the year.

We are looking forward to you joining us for the **parent internet safety** session on **19th March at 1415**, this has proved to be a very timely and informative session when we have run them before. Please RSVP to the school office, so we know who is attending.



Plover Class:

The children have done plenty of art this week which has kept everyone very busy. As well as lots of painting for a classroom display, the children had a great time experimenting with frozen paints. They enjoyed painting with the ice and had lots of fun



watching it melt. We've also been doing lots of counting and reading our favourite stories.

Albatross Class:

This week our story has been 'Little Red Riding Hood' and we've enjoyed retelling parts of this story as well as drawing our own wolves. We really enjoyed our visit from the dentist on Tuesday, who was impressed with our tooth brushing skill but it was a great reminder about brushing twice a day and thinking carefully about what we eat. With that in mind, we made our own baskets for Little Red to take with her - we thought about whether a piece of food was healthy for us or good for a treat now and then. We had lots of fun playing a counting game with our friends, working on our turn taking as well as our number skills. The large construction blocks were also a hit as we built our own rockets and houses and anything else we could think of! Great job Albatross, a very busy week!



Caracara Class:

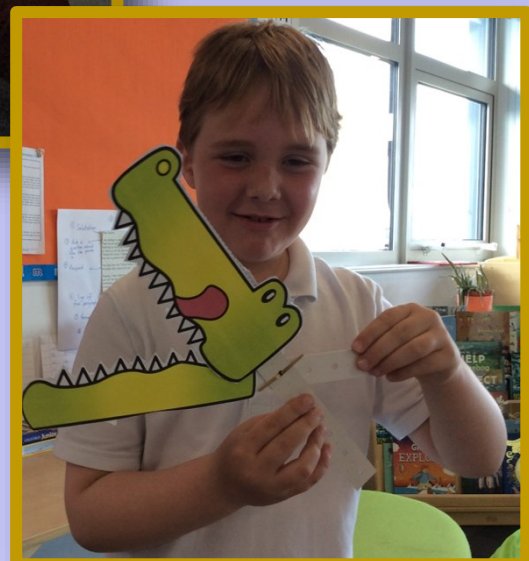
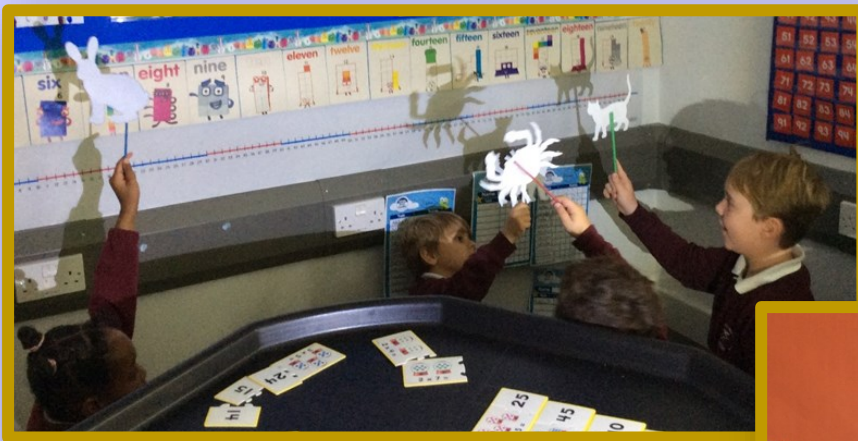
Another busy week has taken place in Caracara Class. For science week, we investigated how shadows are formed and enjoyed making shadow puppets. We have started to write our information reports in English. In maths, year 2s have begun the process of developing their understanding of multiplication and how it links to repeated addition. Year 1s have been problem solving and reasoning with numbers to 50 which has proven a little more difficult than they first thought. However, they have persevered and have worked out some tricky questions. In R.E. we have been learning about the Easter story and how different artefacts linked to Easter will have different meanings for a variety of people. In D.T. we have been learning about pivot points to create a scissor action and rotary movement.

A notice about homework

Please remember that the required homework for each child each day is:

- reading;
- learning spellings (either on EdShed app or using paper and pencil);
- 1-minute maths on the app.

If you are unsure about any of the homework set, please do ask.



Falcon Class:

In science this week, the children have learned about Carl Linnaeus' classification system and created their own version for a selection of animals. They then played "Guess Who" by asking classification questions to identify their partner's chosen animal. In maths, Year 3 have learned what a unit fraction is and have begun to compare and order fractions. Year 4 have been adding and subtracting mixed number fractions. In geography, the children have identified the main features of a river and looked at how the use of a river changed in each of the different sections. In RE, the children have looked at different stories of Jesus and the reason why Christians find him so inspirational. PE this week concentrated on balancing using the core muscles which proved to be a fun and challenging lesson. Hopefully, the children won't ache too much!



Meadowlark Class:

In English, we have been focussed on completing our 'Wolves' information report, learning about the purpose of features such as: headings, sub-headings, images and captions and the need for a glossary. Fractions, percentages and decimals are giving us brain busting challenges, which will continue into next week — is that a groan I hear???

Geography is one of our favourite subjects at the moment. We have been learning through asking questions, for example; 'How has the physical and human landscape changed over time and why?' 'How have humans changed the landscape and with what consequences?

We also never knew how fascinating mushrooms are until our science research into fungi!!! See below for marvellous mushroom facts.

A massive 'Well done' to Jack, Eleanor and Cruz for achieving their 'Tackling Tables' certificates this week! Keep up the good work!

Fun Facts

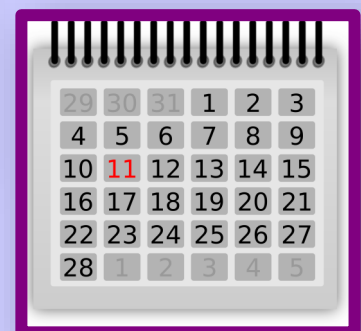
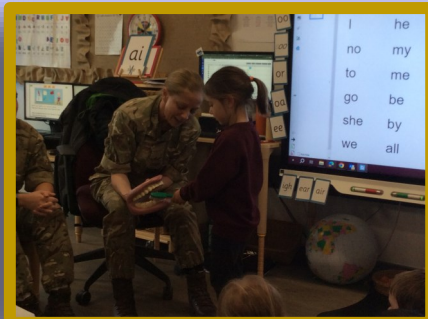
- ◇ Fungi are genetically closer to humans than plants.
- ◇ Fungi are the largest life forms on earth.
- ◇ Fungi allow trees to talk to each other.
- ◇ Some mushrooms glow in the dark.



BFSAI Dental Team visit MPS:

Thank you to Mel, Milly and Kayleigh from BFSAI dental team for visiting Meadowlark class and Albatross class this week. The children were shown how to brush their teeth, they then brushed their teeth and used disclosing tablets to see how well they had done. Dentist Mel, was really impressed with the good job they had done. We then talked about the importance of healthy food and how it is best not to snack on treats throughout the day. The children also got to take a toothbrush and a disclosing tablet home. This was a great way to link to our whole school Jigsaw PSHE theme this term on Healthy Me.

Thank you once again to the dental team for finding the time to help us learn more about keeping our teeth healthy.



Dates for your Diary

- 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