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Dear Parents

The children all seemed to have fun during their transition session yesterday afternoon, where they spent time in their new class base (Commerson and Orca) with their new teacher either Mrs Hill or Mr Moore. End of term is now fast approaching!

I am looking forward to my last afternoon in Albatross class today including our music session where we will sing our favourite songs with percussion accompaniment.

Albatross Class:

Our stories this week have been all about 'Whales'. We enjoyed 'The Storm Whale', 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'The Tail of the Whale'. We were amazed to find out the size of some of the biggest whales on planet Earth. We went to our hall to measure it out using a trundle wheel counting the clicks carefully for each metre we walked.....but we were surprised to learn that some species would not even fit in our school hall! We had to go outside to measure them out, especially the blue whale as the biggest one ever recorded was almost 30m! Back in the classroom, we had a go at drawing our own whales (although these ones were quite multicoloured!) as well as cutting out our own whale and reassembling the pieces in the right place. Lastly, we made our own sunrise or sunset painting and added in a whale jumping out of the water! Well done Albatross Class - a very busy week all round!



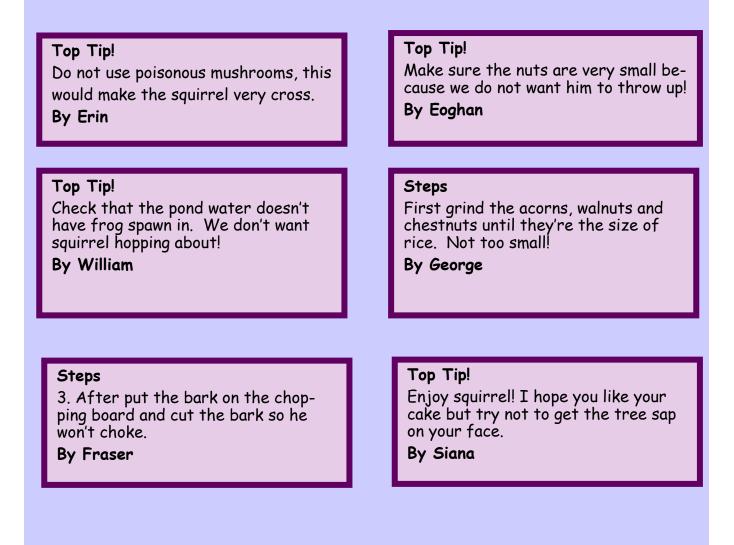
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Caracara Class:

This week in English, Caracaras have achieved many different tasks on the learning chart. They have also written recipes for a creature of the forest and one of their choice. I especially liked the detail that they managed to incorporate into their work.



Steps

First measure the 300ml of pond water and pour the pond water into the bowl. Be careful there's no mud in it! By Jack



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Falcon Class:

I can't believe we've had our last full week in Falcons Class! The children have continued to work really hard on their Iron Man trap explanations in English. They've had some ingenious ideas and have been able to explain them clearly. Well done Falcons! In maths, Year 3 have just about finished their topic on 'shape' which has involved some careful measuring and drawing. In DT the children finished their Pneumatic Monsters which move using air - they all worked really hard on these and have done a great job. In science we took a look at our plants after a week of changing one of the factors that we think plants need to grow - we've had some interesting results already, and we've made some predictions about what will happen after another week.









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Meadowlark Class:

Meadowlarks are doing a super job of remaining focussed on their learning this week; it can get tricky at this time of year for obvious reasons. They have finished their DT models and really enjoyed recycling by creating them from reusable materials. Both pupils agreed they'd loved planning and using their imagination to design their air-powered creations.

In English we are just about finished with our persuasive letter sent 'from and to' their choice of characters in Hansel and Gretel. Yet to finish but looking good so far!

Science work has made us think more carefully about the importance of recycling in order 'to save our planet.' We have explored the purpose of COP (Conference of Parties) and their pledge to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions by at least 68% by 2030. We agreed that there is a lot more to be achieved by everyone as **'there is no Planet B**.'

We are all looking forward to next week although it is tinged with sadness to be losing our Y6 pupil. We know that she will go on to have many more wonderful adventures and have great memories of MPS and the Falkland Islands.









Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 24th July Last Day of Term School Finishes at 1515
- Thursday 29th August 1st Day of the New Academic Year for children