

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a very busy term, the last in this academic year. Although it has been a short week the children have impressed me with their focus and eagerness. Falcon class looked after me brilliantly on Tuesday whilst I started their new history unit on the Tudors with them. It was very interesting to find out what they knew about Henry VIII and to discover their reasoning about which portrait was possibly of Henry. They were very surprised to discover all portraits were of him.

On Thursday, we were delighted that the RIC found time to visit school and to explain to us about their role, equipment and weaponry. We all enjoyed trying out the equipment.



Plover Class:

I hope you all had a restful Easter break. It's lovely to be back, and this week we welcomed Zaffi to Plovers class. The children have had a busy couple of sessions this week showing Zaffi around the classroom and getting stuck in to lots of play. The sandpit, superheroes and train set have been firm favourites this week, and they have also enjoyed lots of outside play. We hope Zaffi enjoys his time with us!



Albatross Class:

The first 4 days back have flown over. Tuesday was a busy day hearing about what everyone got up to during the school break with lots of chat and stories being shared. We have all slotted straight back into the routines of Albatross class, with lots of learning going on. FS2 were working on their knowledge of numbers and patterns within numbers, exploring how numbers beyond ten are made up. FS1 enjoyed finding out about the concept of floating and sinking - they then explored it independently in the water tray by choosing their own objects to test out their predictions. We also got round to see how our science experiment from before the holidays turned out. The sun caused the paper to fade but it left behind the outlines of the objects we chose to 'print' with. Our aim was to 'print' with time and light - our results were great!



Caracara Class:

Welcome back! Caracara class have been busy this week with colour mixing, reading comprehension, the human body and lots more. You can see some of our fabulous work below.



Siana and Alsie
The girl is happy and
kind because she
~~expressed~~ expressed her feelings
to the flower.

**What do her actions
tell you about the
kind of person she is?**

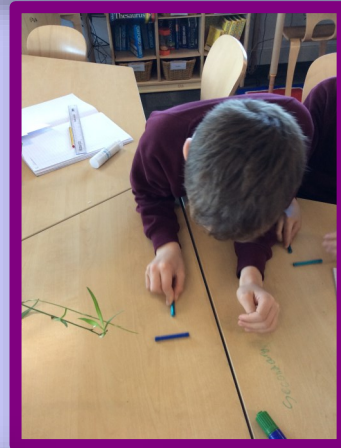
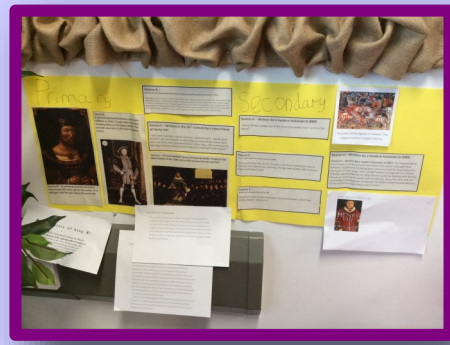
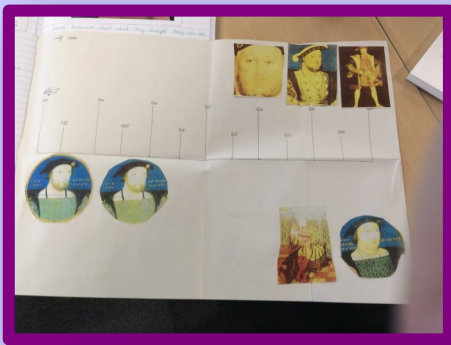
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Falcon Class:

It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children after a well earned Easter break. This week, the children have been introduced to our new science topic Forces and Magnets and have been given the opportunity to investigate how these different forces act on the things surrounding us. We looked at magnetic forces, electrostatic forces and push and pull forces. In English, we have started to read our class book, *The Cook, The Prince and the Cunning King*. We have discussed how the pictures and vocabulary show that the story is set in a different time to the present and used dictionaries to find the meanings of unknown words. In history, the children completed a police line up of images and had to guess which ones were Henry VIII based on primary sources of evidence (descriptions), before completing a timeline of Henry's life.

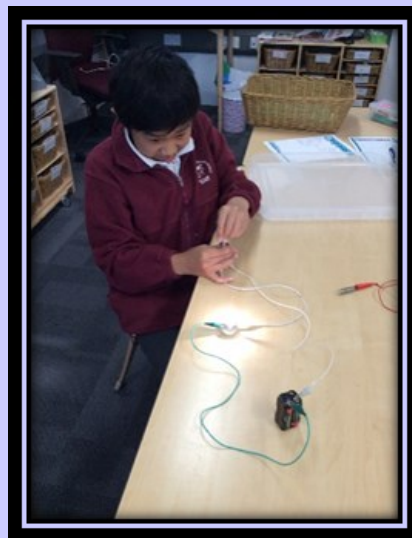


Meadowlark Class:

A short and busy week for Meadowlarks. Statistics and representing data are the order of the week in maths, and in English we are half way through our build up to writing and presenting (like David Attenborough) a narrative based on the lives of wolves.

We have started our new science topic which is electricity; we have been experimenting building circuits and identifying the components and their associating symbols. We also investigated what happens to the components when the voltage is changed.

Thank you to the two soldiers from the RIC, who presented and inspired Meadowlarks during their presentation. We all learned so much about their role in the military and how important their level of physical fitness needs to be to carry the weight of their armour and weaponry. Very impressive!



Month of the Military Child

On Friday 26th April children can wear purple to school to show support for Service Children and will be involved in an assembly to discuss Service Life and the many things Service Children have experienced. Other activities may take place in class to celebrate the month of the military child.



Friends of MPS:

Thank you for those of you who were able to join us for the first meeting of The Friends of MPS on Wednesday 17th April. Lots of fund raising ideas were discussed with the aim to raise funds to support the cost of coaches for school trips out and about the Islands. Thank you Mrs Hill for facilitating the first meeting of this group. The next meeting date is Wednesday 1st May at 7pm at the school.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 23rd April 1515-1600 Science and Lego/Computing Club starts (runs for 6 weeks)
- Thursday 25th April 1515-1600- Family Card Games Club starts (runs for 6 weeks)
- Friday 26th April is "Purple Up! Day". Children and adults to wear purple to show support for Service children as part of the month of the Military Child
- Wednesday 1st May 2024-1900 2nd Friends of MPS meeting at school
- Monday 6th May-May Bank Holiday - No school
- Thursday 23rd May Join your child in learning 1100-1200
- 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

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend as winter approaches from all at MPS