

## Dear Parents

This week has definitely been a week of change on so many levels.

The snow is finally beginning to melt after a number of weeks on the ground, although don't be fooled into thinking winter is over!

In our Jigsaw PSHE lessons and assemblies, the whole school have been looking at the unit 'Changing Me' (at the appropriate age level). The children have spent time thinking about changes in themselves as they grow older, changing class and teacher and moving on from MPS; in addition, staff too have worked to support the children during this transition period.

We have also had the great news that Mr Moore will be remaining as a teacher at MPS, which has positively added to the last minute flurry of activity.

## Albatross Class:

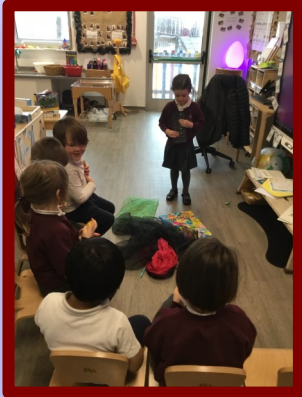
It has felt very busy this week in Albatross class with lots going on. We have been practising our cutting skills by designing our own sandcastle and trying hard to cut as neatly as we could. FS1 have been practising their oral blending skills thinking carefully about what sounds they could hear in words. We even had a go at fishing for the letter sounds, with a bit of help from FS2. We enjoyed exploring some jigsaws and we worked well together to complete them! In our carpet sessions for maths, we have really been working on our number recognition and accurate counting using the number fans as one of our resources. Towards the end of the week, some of the children took on the role of the 'teacher' and led

their  
number  
activities.  
everyone!

friends in  
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Great work



## Albatross Class Continued...



## Caracara Class:

This week we welcome two new friends to our class, Erin and Eoghan.

We had fun this week practising our maths skills by going on a trip to the NAAFI Gull and Penguin. We added totals and worked out change. We also learnt what a receipt is and what it shows us. A good time was had by all!



## Falcon Class:

Falcons have had another busy week. In maths, Year 3 have been working on adding and subtracting amounts of money, which the children are breezing through. In English, we are continuing our work on The Iron Man, however we have moved on from narrative and are now working on an explanation for trapping the Iron Man - there have been some fantastic ideas already, some more plausible than others. Falcons have also enjoyed science this week - we looked at the parts of a flower and how plants reproduce. The children have started to build a realistic model out of playdough and everyone has been doing a great job at identifying and modelling all of the different parts.



## Staffing:

Mr Hill leaves MPS today to take up the role as Training Area Operative with DIO. We will miss Andy here at school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy for his hard work and support and for being a friendly face, as first point of contact for people coming to the school office. We wish Andy all the best for his future role.

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## Meadowlark Class:

In readiness to begin writing our narrative next week, we have up-levelled our vocabulary even further and focussed on recognition of formal language and the impact on the reader.

Lots of problem solving in maths and consolidation of previous learning to keep it present and easily accessible from our long-term memory.

In science, we have continued learning about recycling and landfill and discussed whether or not 'landfill sites' are a good idea and explain our opinions. The recycling theme has been carried into D&T where we have been designing and creating a model out of recyclable material.

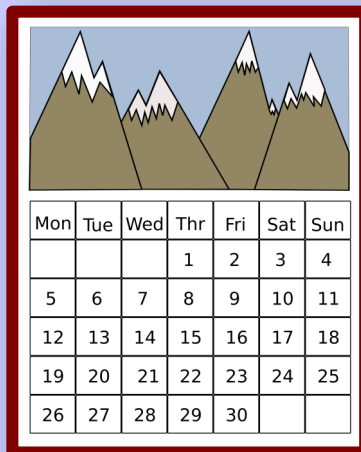
### Eleanor

*'I liked making an air balloon in D&T and learning more about the original Hansel and Gretel fairy tale.'*

### Cruz

*'I have enjoyed D&T, painting and making a rocket with a moveable man.'*

Meadowlarks are also learning how to play the djembe drums with Mrs Wilson which sounds fantastic on a Friday afternoon.



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## Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 16th July Children's Annual Reports out to parents
- Wednesday 24th July - Last Day of Term - School Finishes at 1515

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend from all at MPS.