

Newsletter 12th July 2024

Dear Parents

I am incredibly proud of the children's achievement and progress this year and I am sure you will be equally proud when you receive your child's annual report next week. I would like to thank the teaching team for supporting and challenging the children to achieve their very best. We are very fortunate to have such a strong teaching team here at MPS.

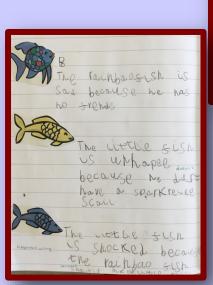
This term I have really enjoyed my music sessions with Caracara class as we have explored 'pitch' (high and low sounds/notes). The children have used their voices, as well as the glockenspiels and are now very confident at singing patterns or playing patterns using the notes low C, E and G (Do Mi So). Caracara class are quite a musical bunch.

The children are looking forward to the end of term activities in the next week and a half with work on the Olympics, a number of leavers assemblies, new class transition sessions and the winning Penguin Team award, forming part of the end of year school rhythm.

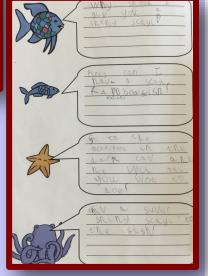
We are pleased that we have been able to share an updated class base structure with you. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Albatross Class:

Our story this week has been 'The Rainbow Fish' and we have enjoyed reading it a few times and having it as our learning focus. We have been busy counting out 'scales' for the fish trying hard to keep it accurate. We made our own rainbow fish collage and cut it out as carefully as we could. We acted out parts of the story pretending to be the different characters. We discussed in detail how the different characters might be feeling throughout the story. FS2 also wrote their own version of it in their writing books too! Well done Albatross Class. Another busy and successful week.







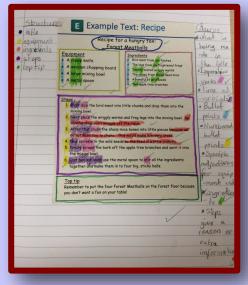


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Caracara Class:

This week Caracara class have continued with the English text 'The Last Wolf'. We have been learning about the structure and features of writing recipes so that we can write our own next week. This included time adverbials, imperative verbs and specific adjectives.

Our learning about the Great Fire of London has taken us to the question, "Why did the fire spread so quickly and across a quarter of London?" Alongside this, the children have had the experience of writing with a quill and ink pretending they are Samuel Pepys.





For the 'Build' section in the Learning Chart, the children were set the challenge to build one of the examples in the Kapla books. It led to some excellent discussions about position and angles, and developed team work. As you can see, Jack, George and Fraser accomplished the task well.







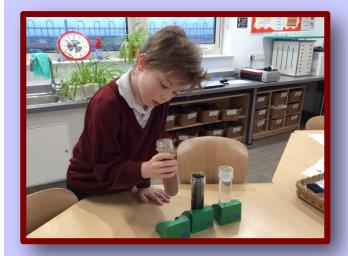
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Falcon Class:

Falcons class have been working very hard this week. In English they have continued planning a trap for the Iron Man and have developed their ideas from last week.

In maths Year 3 have been looking at angles and shape, which they've found challenging but enjoyable. In science, Falcons have been learning about different methods of seed dispersal, and have made some lovely posters about the various dispersal methods. They thought very carefully about why this is important.

The children have also been developing their experiments on finding out what plants need to grow. Crisha and Ava are investigating the effect of light so they've placed their plants in full sun, out of natural light, and in the dark. Teddy and Archie are investigating temperature so they've put one plant in a makeshift greenhouse and planted another outside. Edward is looking at different growing mediums - water, soil and damp sand. They are looking forward to seeing the results!









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Meadowlark Class:

We have been busy this past week in all subject areas. It's the time for consolidation of learning and applying all the skills we have learned to solve problems in maths and show off our creative literary skills in English.

There is further environmental learning to do in science and in geography, we are researching the geographical and physical features of the capital city of the state of Amazonas - Manaus. We will also compare and contrast the features of the city with the Falkland Islands.

We have reminded ourselves about how to keep safe online and created posters which are on display in our fantastic new multi-purpose room, which accommodates a library, ICT suite and Art & Design area.







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
- Thursday 29th August 1st Day of the New academic Year for children