

## Dear Parents

It is a huge relief that most children and staff are now back in school after what has been a turbulent few weeks with the airbridge! Only in the Falklands has certainly become a common phrase. Thank you for your support, as we have worked our way through the challenges this has posed.

It is great to see the children engaged and busy learning in their new classes (Commerson and Orca) and there is already a quiet hum of learning throughout the school in what will be a busy term.

I was delighted to show Dr Sam Griffiths (Director of Overseas Bases) around school on Tuesday to showcase the school and to discuss the challenges the school, pupils and parents face with the current staffing provision at MPS.

## In Commerson Class:

It's lovely to finally return and be with the children. We've had a lovely week getting to know one another. Our topic this half term is 'homes', so we went on a walk on Tuesday to look at the building work and draw a typical M.P.C. house. Back in class, the year 1s continued finding out about different types of homes that are found in England.

This week, the FS2s have been practicing writing their names, number formation, creating patterns and using the playdough to make the shape 's' ready to start phonics on Monday. They have also enjoyed creating their own learning in the water tray, sand-pit and home area.

Year 1s and 2s have started thinking about the English text 'Old Bear and Friends' by making a prediction about what they think will happen in the story based on images from the text. They have also been learning about the suffixes -s and -es for plural nouns, with year 1s listening to the different sounds each suffix makes and year 2s identifying the spelling pattern for when to use -es. Both year groups have begun maths focusing on appropriate number and place value for their year group.



### Please note:

P.E. for FS2s and Year 1s will be on Thursday.

P.E. for Year 2s will be on Friday.

Library for all children will be on Wednesday.



## In Orca Class:

After what has seemed like forever, it has been so good to have all but one of the Orcas back in class and settling into their learning and expectations in KS2. Orcas have had such a busy week managing to start routines and getting to know each other with the help of our PSHE unit 'Being in my World.' We are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Moore back on Tuesday, air-bridge permitting.

In maths Orcas have been extending their learning further around 'place value'. In English we have started a new book called 'The Journey', making predictions based on the images and working hard to write a contrast poem. Orcas are learning to play the ukulele in music with the help from our music team in Cyprus; it went extremely well and I feel everyone is looking forward to next week's session.

Meet the current Orcas, however we do hope to have a special and brave pupil back from the UK very soon to join us.

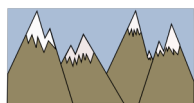


## Newsletter

### 13th September 2024

#### Join your child in Learning Friday 27th September at 9:00-10:15.

The first opportunity to join your child in learning session, will be on Friday 27th September at 9:30-10:15. This session is open to all classes, we look forward to welcoming you all.



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#### Dates for your Diary

*Further dates will be added to the newsletter as events are arranged.*

- **Friday 27th September - 0900-1015- Join Your Child in learning session**
- **Thursday 3rd October - 1315 - MPS children join the Big Salute Mile-a-thon with a sponsored walk up and down the corridor**
- **Tuesday 8th October-Whole School trip to Stanley**
- **Wednesday 16th October - Parents' evening**
- **Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October - Half term holiday**
- **Monday 28th October - 2nd half term starts for children**
- **Monday 11th November - Remembrance - details to follow**
- **Monday 2nd December - 1430 - Christmas tree decorating - families welcome**
- **Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Lunch - TBC**
- **Tuesday 10th December - 1415 - Children perform Christmas Play for Patch community**
- **Thursday 12th December - School finishes at 1300 for Christmas break**
- **Tuesday 7th January - 0845 - Term starts for children**

*Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25 can be found on the school website.*

*Wishing you all a great weekend from all at MPS.*