

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this morning to join your child/children in their learning; it is always a great way for you to get a flavour of what is going on in school and to see for yourself the learning environments.

In Commerson Class:

This week, Commerson Class have been busy learning about materials. We had to say what an object was made from and some of us had to think of other objects made of the same material.

In history, we have learnt how the interiors of homes have changed throughout the decades. Year 1s and year 2s used sources to compare and contrast living rooms: we didn't think that the armchairs from the 1940s would be very comfortable! FS2s drew pictures of who lived with them in their house and practised the letter formation of 'm' for mummy, 'd' for daddy and some also did 's' for sister.

Whilst the FS2s continue with phonics they have also focused on the Three Little Pigs story this week, acting it out and creating a story map to show how the story develops.

Year 1s and 2s have started with handwriting lessons: the year 1 focus being correct formation of ladder letters - l, i, t, u, j, y; the year 2s have started joining with the letters ch and th. In English, we have identified the features of a text ready to start planning our own story next week.

The year 2s have continued with their MPC Homes project by creating their own 'town' using Kapla. They developed the town to include: a shop, called Dean and Dunne, doctor and dentist surgery, school, park, bar, restaurant, and terraced, semi-detached and detached housing. They then worked hard to try and copy this as a plan onto paper.



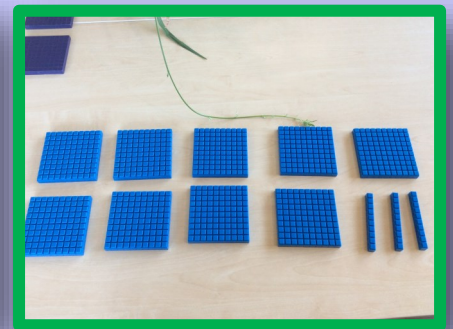
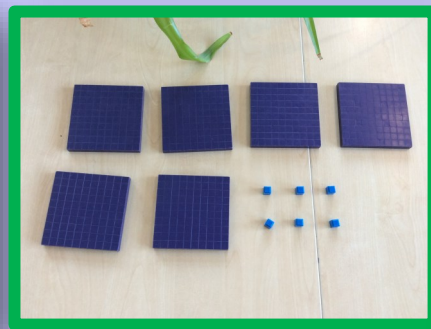
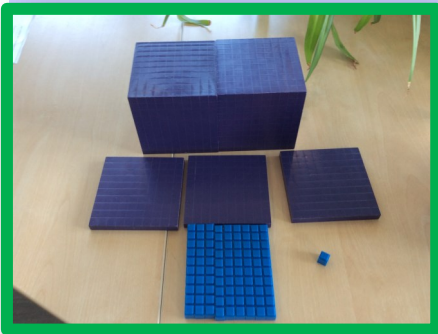
In Orca Class:

There has been lots going on in Orca class this week. In English, we have been writing our own diary entry, editing it and then improving it. We also worked on speech marks and had to ensure we were using punctuation correctly. We practised our 'thesaurus' skills too as we sought to find alternatives for 'said' as well as interesting adverbs to add further detail to our work.

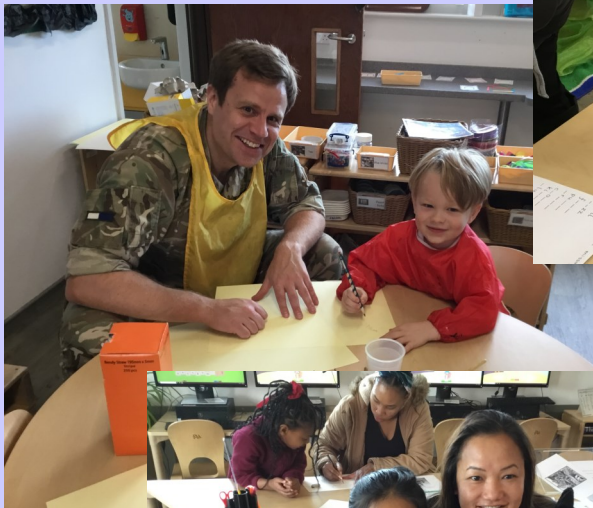
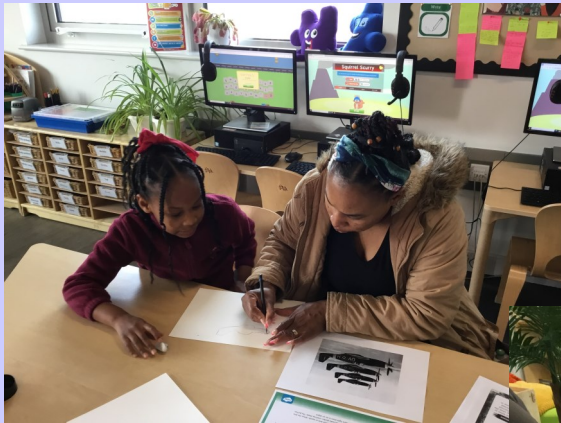
In maths, our unit on place value is nearing the end and we have been challenging ourselves with both practical problems and written problems. Can you identify the numbers shown with the Base 10 equipment in the photos?

Our Science topic of 'Light' continues but the extremely windy weather and snow hindered our progress in the investigation part of this week's lesson. We are investigating the effectiveness of sun cream against the ultraviolet rays given off by the sun by using different SPF factor creams and special colour changing beads that react under UV light. We are pleased to see our predictions were largely correct! Great work everyone!

Finally, thank you to those who could join us today to share some of the wonderful learning that has been going on in our class so far.

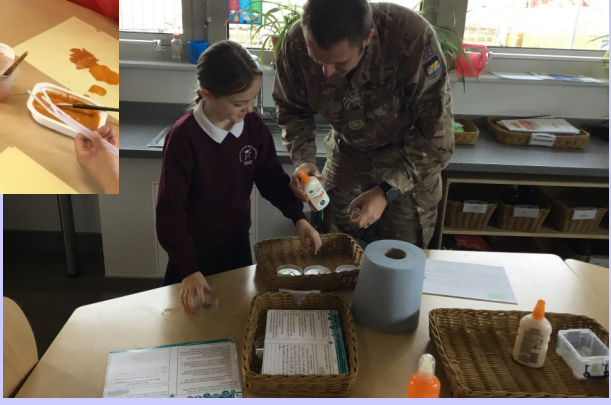


We hope you enjoyed spending time with your child/children in school this morning, it looks like everyone was having
A great time!



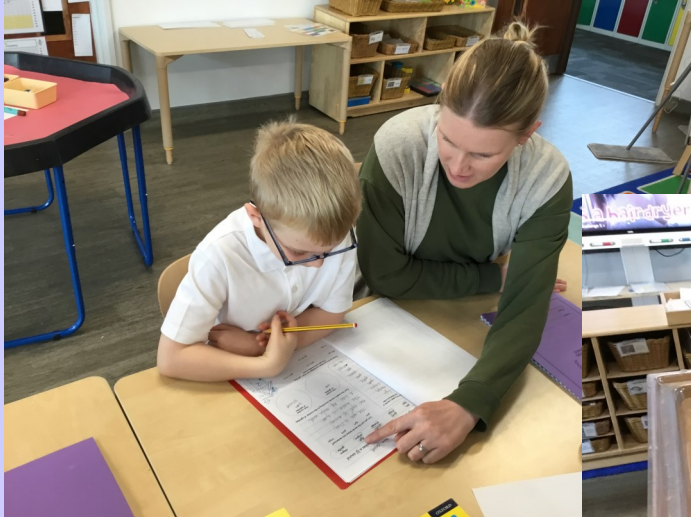
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Dates for your Diary

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

- **Wednesday 2nd October - 1315 - MPS children join the Big Salute Mile-a-thon with a sponsored walk up and down the corridor. **Please note change of date****
- **Tuesday 8th October - Whole school trip to Stanley**
- **Wednesday 16th October - Parents' evening - details to follow**
- **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.