



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1  
Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a fun filled, festive time over Christmas! It has been lovely to welcome all our pupils and young people back to Papillon this week. Everybody has been full of smiles and appear very happy to be back at school with their friends.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Amy (SNA) in Monarch Class today. She is moving on due to relocating. The children and staff team had a party to send her off this afternoon and all the staff gathered to say their farewell's at the end of the day. It is always sad to lose such a kind, caring and valued member of staff but I would like to wish her well in her new home and her upcoming new job.

## Primary Department News

**Woodland Class** had a lovely first three days back at school. We have been celebrating the New Year with circle and making activities. Children made a noise maker and a special bottle for their new years resolution, and decorated a 2024 poster. They all know that it's now 2024! We have started our tennis practise (until we can go cycling in February) and the children have loved it, they were all engaged in the session and tried really hard to hit the ball with the tennis racket. Well done everyone!

**Meadow Class** — It has been lovely welcoming back Meadow Class. We talked about what we got for Christmas, and all made New Year resolutions. We also enjoyed a trip to Poundland in Sutton.

**Peacock Class** — This week, Peacock Class have been learning about the tradition of New Year resolutions, what they mean and what we would like to achieve in 2024. We visited Leigh Play Park on Thursday afternoon and had great fun on the play equipment. Well done Peacock class!

## Class Topics Spring Term 1

(Please see below for an overview of this terms learning activities from each class teacher.)

**Woodland Class** — Machines and Robots

**Meadow Class** — Toys and Puppets

**Peacock Class** — Climate Change

**Swallowtail Class** — Chinese Festivals

**Monarch Class** — Space

**Admiral Class** — Decisions about Future Enterprises

**Emperor Class** — Developing Enterprise Projects



## Reminders and Requests

**Head lice** — could you please check your child's hair for head lice as we have had two cases in Primary this week. If your child does have head lice, please treat this before they return to school on Monday. Thank you.

As part of our PSHE curriculum we will be talking about New Year resolutions during our assembly on Monday and what we would like to achieve this year.

## Photo Gallery



Art and phonics activities in  
Meadow Class



Woodland enjoying  
tennis



Peacock Class having fun at  
Leigh Play Park

## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** have had a fun week settling back into the new Spring Term. They enjoyed a range of New Year activities on Wednesday including setting themselves some New Year resolutions and making calendars for 2024. We had a party for Anita in the afternoon to celebrate her birthday which was during the holidays. The children enjoyed given her presents (including candles and some chocolates). Yesterday they worked really hard in their phonics lessons and continued with their ASDAN modules. We also played some paired games in PSHE.

**Monarch Class** had a lovely first week back and have been thinking about New Year resolutions and what we would like to achieve this year. We have also been busy finishing off our furniture restoration making our 'unique mark' on the shelving unit.

**Admiral Class**— it has been great to see Admiral Class return from the Christmas holiday. In English we discussed what everyone did during the holidays and it was lovely to hear what the children have been up to. In our computer session we looked at keeping safe online, what the term "spam" means and why we shouldn't open these emails. In maths we enjoyed playing group games. This term our physical activity is taking part in football, basketball or tennis off-site.

**Emperor Class** students have made a very good start to the new term. They are well-rested after their Christmas break and seem genuinely happy to be back. They have been working on specific numeracy skills of counting and recording quantities as they completed a stocktake for their Class Cafe. On Wednesday, they went out shopping for ingredients in the local Lidl where they are quite comfortable negotiating their way around the aisles and using the checkout. In the cafe, the students started work on two new pasta recipes: macaroni cheese and penne al'arrabiata. This involved lots of reading to identify the ingredients and to follow the method. The process was a little fraught as they practiced the new recipes, especially as there was a lot of competition for the limited space on the hob. Having talked through their experience, they will be able to iron out the issues before next week. It was particularly pleasing to watch how well the students can cooperate when they are working on these shared projects.

## Stars of the Week

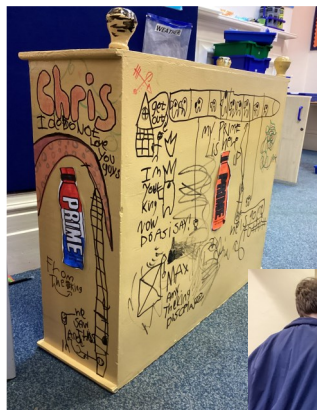
Our "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland | Kuba for "amazing tennis skills this week."                                     |
| Meadow   | James for "being polite with unfamiliar adults out and about in the community." |
| Peacock  | Logan for "completing lots of OT this week and doing a great job!"              |



## Photo Gallery

*Birthday party celebrations in Swallowtail*



*Furniture restoration in Monarch Class*



*Admiral Class engaged in physical activities off-site*



## Birthdays

Nicholas (Woodland Class) celebrated his birthday this week and will have his party next week. Anita (SNA in Swallowtail) enjoyed her birthday over the Christmas holidays and received a candle and some chocolates.



## Therapy

The therapy team have enjoyed working with the children in their first sessions back after the Christmas break. We are all looking forward to another term of fun and enjoyable sessions with the children and young people and seeing them progress again this term.

## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place during the Spring Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	6th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	9th February	3pm	End of half term
Monday	19th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday	20th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Wednesday	21st February	9.30am	Start of Spring Term 2

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"Well that was so fun!"**

**Joshua (Monarch Class)  
after a visit to the Tesco  
café.**

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## WOODLAND CLASS



### Topic and Off-site activities

Our **topic** this half term is **Machines and Robots!** Woodland Class will be learning all about how simple machines work and trying to make some with our own hands!

Some of our **off-site activities** will involve going to the supermarket to buy ingredients for our cooking sessions, going for winter walks in our local area (**please provide wellies to be kept at school**) and going to a café for a hot chocolate to keep warm.

### Off-site physical activity

This term, Woodland Class will start cycling in February. Until then, Woodland Class will be practising their tennis skills and keeping fit at the playpark. Our first tennis session went really well and children are looking forward to the next one!

### Literacy

Woodland Class will continue accessing the library twice a week. This term, we will be learning lots of tricky topic words and will practice our handwriting during sensory literacy activities. Woodland Class will continue to have the opportunity to develop their reading skills through fun phonics sessions and will continue to access Reading Eggs to re-enforce their learning.

### Maths

Woodland Class will continue to work on developing and securing simple addition skills through a multisensory approach, as well as working on grouping and categorising objects. Children will have lots of fun making and copying 2D and 3D patterns.

### PSHE and ICT:

For the **Personal, Social and Health Education** area, Woodland Class will be learning about how to set a goal and overcome challenges to achieve success. Woodland Class will continue to participate in personal care sessions so that they can become more independent in this area.

Our main focus on **ICT** this half term will be, on a very basic level, learning how to program a toy. We will try and achieve this knowledge by starting to give and take visual instructions in the correct order so that we can achieve a particular task.

Some children in Woodland Class will have access to **Boogie Beat** sessions every Friday. This session focuses on developing rhythm through fun stories and action songs. Woodland Class will also continue to attend Akademi dance sessions with Anusha every Wednesday morning.

On behalf of the Woodland Class Team, Happy New Year! We look forward to helping the children achieve their best in a fun way!

Best wishes

Kris



## MEADOW CLASS



Our topic this half term is **Toys and Puppets!** We are very excited to get started with all the fun activities that we have planned. The children will learn vocabulary (including Makaton signs) and complete activities relating to our topic. We will use our work for the display board and we will continue to add pictures to our community visit board.

The children will be horse riding every Thursday morning. We are looking forward to seeing all the horses again. Please send in a pair of tracksuit bottoms for them to change into for horse riding. Our community visits will be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Our topic for our PE sessions this term is 'circuit training.' We will be moving in different ways over and under equipment. We will be using the apparatus which is always very exciting for the children. We will continue to warm up and cool down for our PE sessions.

During Literacy, the children will continue to work on their letter formations, both lower case and capitals. We will continue to complete Phonic activities and tasks. This will include focusing on a different sound and learning to read new words. Each week the children will go to the library and read a book on their own or with an adult.

During Maths sessions we will be focussing on several numeracy skills. For example, comparing sets of objects to see which has more or less, sorting objects into groups and writing numbers correctly. We will also be exploring the terms 'long and short' and will continue to learn about and use positional language. The children will also be exploring patterns. Our focus in Science this half term is Physics. We will be carrying out different experiments and making predictions. We will complete activities about shadows, sinking and floating.

As part of their creative development, children will be making a variety of different craft activities that will tie in with our topic. For the first three weeks we will be making different types of puppets and then we will move on to making different toys. We will make a puppet theatre together. The children will be using a variety of different colours, textures and materials.

We will be continuing with personal care where the children will be encouraged to independently brush their teeth and wash their faces. They will be encouraged to find and put away their own property. Please send in a **named** wash bag with toothpaste, a toothbrush, and a small towel or flannel.

Our Jigsaw PSHE topic this half term is "Dreams and Goals."

We look forward to an exciting half term.

Lauren and Sabrina

## PEACOCK CLASS



I do hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to what 2024 will bring.

This half term, Peacock Class will be learning about 'climate change' where we will be focusing on the different aspects of climate change as well as the ways we can make small changes in our lives to help prevent it. In the first week, we will be focusing on our Christmas holidays and the New Year, discussing New Year's resolutions with our friends and adults, and taking part in firework-based lessons such as cooking New Year firework biscuits and taking part in some special New Year themed attention circles. Please remember that your child's swimming kit is now needed for this term. The **named** swimming kits will be needed every Tuesday, and this should comprise of swimming shorts, towels, swim hats (if applicable) and goggles (if your child would like to wear them). If you could please send these in a swim bag from this week and then we will send home swim bags each Tuesday ready to be washed for the following week.

In the second week, we will start our learning about climate change. The videos we will be watching and listening to in music sessions around this topic can be found on YouTube at the below web addresses. As always please monitor your child's access to the internet, especially when using YouTube, as adverts and pop ups are not always age appropriate or relevant to the video/clips being played.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMegMdfXLDs>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3yL\\_1L85Mk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3yL_1L85Mk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAuBc1vTxwk>.

We will also be discussing the main questions, importance to stop, and impact of climate change throughout the second and third weeks. Moreover, in the fourth week, we will be continuing to extend our learning about climate change by focusing on the inspirational individual, Greta Thunberg. During this week, we will be looking at how Greta has encouraged a vast amount of people to look at their daily routines and change some harmful practises to help benefit the Earth. Then, in our fifth week, we will be continuing our research into Greta's appeals and find out why she is so influential to the younger generation. We have a wonderful non-fiction book about Greta Thunberg, and I am looking forward to Peacock class reading it during literacy sessions.

Additionally, with regards to Peacock's community visits his half term, we will be aiming to visit ASDA supermarket and recycling centre, Box Hill Nature Trail, Leigh Play Park as well as a local garden centre to see what the effects of 'being green' has on nature. Also, later in the month, Peacock class will (hopefully) be able to visit somewhere extra special if they manage to reach the top of their green cubes rewards box for good listening, effort and speaking. Hopefully they can do it!

In our maths lessons this half term, Peacock class will be focusing on fractions, finding inconsistencies with sums, recording weights and heights as well as drawing lines and pouring liquids. In their English sessions, some children are continuing with some 1:1 reading sessions in a small group as well as continuing to better their writing through using tricky words and continuing to use fluent and legible handwriting in writing tasks. Additionally, other children will be focusing on letter sounds, holding pencils using a tripod grasp and making connections between emotions from a picture and a peer. We will also be carrying out our exciting phonics sessions each week using the Twinkl scheme.

Lastly, for PE this term, Peacock class will start taking part in circuit training sessions where they will be using their newly learnt exercise skills to combine a variety of activities together to make a circuit. The children will also be continuing to carry out the Jigsaw PSHE sessions in class which mix different songs, discussion points and games to make for a fun and interactive lesson. Our topic for PSHE this term is 'Dreams and Goals.' For science sessions, we will be beginning our focus of Biology and carrying out lessons which include plants and things that grow. Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions with Izzy on a Wednesday, including some greener foods such as fruit trifles and spring rolls to celebrate Chinese New Year.

## SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday! It has been lovely seeing the children back in this week and everyone has been happy to get back for the new half term. Over the next six weeks, we will be exploring our new topic 'Chinese Festivals.' In week one, we will be taking part in discussions about our holidays, the New Year and identifying some New Year's resolutions for ourselves. In week two, we will read the Chinese New Year story and learn about how this is celebrated. In week three, our focus will be on The Lantern Festival and will look at some traditions associated with this holiday. In week four, we will learn about the Moon Festival and focus on the importance of this time of year. In week five, we will learn about the Dragon Boat Festival and will participate in a range of craft activities to celebrate this event. Finally, in week six, we will learn about The Qingming Festival and how this is celebrated.

For our community visits this term, we hope to visit a number of garden centres and cafés and also go on a trip to Wing Yip in Croydon to explore and choose from a range of Chinese foods and snack items.

We are due to start our cycling visit for our off-site physical activity this term, however, these will not start until February due to the track being closed for the next month or so. Up until then, we will enjoy a number of walks in local woodland areas and parks. Please could you ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school and also if you could please send in a (named) hat, scarf, gloves etc. for your child, that would be great as the weather is likely to be quite cold!

In our P.E sessions this half term, we will be following the Twinkl scheme of work: 'Shape and Balance', themed around the ancient Egyptians. We will develop our physical fitness, flexibility and balance whilst learning a range of balances, poses and using our bodies to make different shapes.

Our science focus for this half term is Chemistry. We will be developing our understanding of different materials, sorting these by different characteristics and learning about why certain materials are used for creating different products.

In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be focusing on the topic 'Dreams and Goals.' We will learn about identifying goals and dreams that we have for ourselves, how we can help ourselves achieve these goals and how we can overcome obstacles that may present as challenges to achieving them.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl scheme of work, 'Online Safety.' We will be learning about how we can use technology safely, respectfully, and responsibly. We will learn to recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour online and how to identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact that may be harmful.

Our RE focus this term is 'How do People Try to Make the World a Fairer Place?'. During our sessions, we will look at social and economic unfairness, learn about different beliefs that teach about the importance of giving to those in need, and we will also identify ways in which we, ourselves, can make a difference.

If there is any other information you would like me to provide you with or if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Nikki

## MONARCH CLASS



Our topic this half term is focused on space. We will incorporate English, PSHE, cooking, science and our community visits to support our understanding of our solar system, galaxy and space exploration. During the first few weeks we will take an in depth look at our own solar system and how this works. During this we will look at the planets in the solar system and how they orbit the sun. Following on from this we will have a look at the wider galaxy, and the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Finally, we will explore space exploration and unpick what this may look like in the future.

Monarch Class this term will enjoy swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre with Peacock Class. This will give learners the opportunity for wider social interactions throughout the year as well as develop the classes confidence and ability in the swimming pool.

During Literacy, Monarch Class will be completing a Phonics lesson each week linked to sounds and letters. The children will be completing different fine motor tasks to support with their writing. We will take a visit the school library each week where the children will listen to a story and then look at books individually or with a peer or adult. Our literacy sessions will also provide a link to our topic, and we will complete a reflection session each week to continue developing our spoken language skills.

During maths, we will be focussing on developing our understanding of number, building on the skills we learnt in the first term and beginning to look at multiplication and division. We will use concrete materials to support the developing contextual understanding of number, and how we can use these skills and the strategies we have developed for additional support in our understanding of multiplication. In addition, we will continue looking at measurement, identifying and learning how to accurately measure length and height, and exploring how these skills are important to everyday life. Finally, we will focus on recording information in different types of graphs and charts which will begin by focussing on bar graphs, plotting information appropriately and accurately.

Within science, we will be focussing on physics which will link directly to our topic of space. Each week we will explore different aspects of space, space travel and different planets. Learners will also discover how what happens in space impacts our immediate environment on earth.

The theme of our PE sessions this half term is dance. Monarch Class have shown they are really engaged in both music and how this is used on social media apps such as TikTok. Each week, we will learn and practice a different TikTok dance, with the final goal of creating our own TikTok dance video.

Finally, in cooking we will be looking at breakfast foods. Each week we will prepare a different form of breakfast food, culminating in learners using their independence and choice to independently cook their favourite breakfast at the end of term.

We are all looking forward a fantastic start to the new year!

Max



## ADMIRAL CLASS



It has been great to have the children back this week. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday.

This term our topic is 'Decisions about Future Enterprises'. Each week we will explore a different enterprise/way of earning money. We will learn about planning and organising our ideas, creating budgets, and looking at what resources we need for these. We will also look at costings and how to make a profit when selling our products/services. In week one, we will be introducing this topic and discussing ways of building on enterprises we already know. In weeks two and three we will be choosing our products to make and sell. In weeks four and five we will research and choose a range of services we would like to offer to the staff at Papillon. In week six, we will be looking back at the half term to see if we made any profit and to see how we could improve on these. We will also decide on a way to spend any profit we have made for an end of term 'treat'.

Our community visit activities will be happening on Wednesday's this half term and we will be focusing on preparing a shopping list and buying our ingredients for our cooking activities. This half term our physical activity will be a range of team and paired sports such as football, basketball and tennis. This will take place at Walton-on-the-Hill playing fields and sports course. In these sessions we will be working on our football skills, passing the ball, dribbling and shooting. In basketball we will be focussing on our hand eye control and aim. In tennis we will be working towards passing the tennis ball back to our peers with accuracy.

In our P.E sessions this half term we will be following the Twinkl scheme of work on 'dance.' Each week we will learn a new and exciting routine. For example, we will learn the Charleston, the Lambeth Walk, and the Lindy Hop. We will also be looking at how dance can tell a story.

Our science focus for this half term is chemistry. Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on topics such as items that will sink or float. We will also be investigating different rocks, looking at the layers in the rocks and what materials the rocks are made from. In science we will be experimenting to find out what items will and will not melt.

In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions this half term we will focus on the new topic 'Dreams and Goals'. Throughout this term, we will be discussing what dreams and goals are to each of us and how we can achieve them.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl scheme of work, online safety. We will be learning about being safe online. In this subject we will be learning about identifying 'spam emails' with the purpose of passwords and how we can make sure that the passwords we use are kept private and strong.

Our R.E. focus for this half term is 'The Buddhist Way of Life'. We will be learning about the story of Buddha's enlightenment. Some of the areas that we will cover include the Buddhist teachings (Dhamma) and the Eightfold Path as the way to enlightenment.

If there is any other information you would like me to provide you with or if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Gavin

## EMPEROR CLASS



After a very busy and joyful end to the Autumn Term, students in Emperor Class have enjoyed a restful Christmas break and have returned with renewed enthusiasm.

Their focus this term is on 'Developing Enterprise and Participation in the Community' as they 'Build links for The Future.' In the Class Cafe, they are exploring different pasta dishes, including vegetarian options. They will be taking more notice of the balance between income and expenditure. This will reinforce the idea of, ideally, making a profit, though they have to face the possibility of making a loss.

As they make progress through the school year, they will be gathering evidence of their achievements into portfolios of work that can be submitted for accreditation. In their ASDAN Personal Progress files, they can reflect on and record the wide range of academic and personal skills they have developed in the several aspects of their school life at Papillon House. They will collate their files during this term so that their work can be assessed and accredited in the Summer.

Out in the community, the students will be going to the David Weir Centre in Carshalton to work in the Gymnasium. This indoor activity will be a welcome change from outdoor cycling, especially at this time of the year. As well as building strength and stamina, the gym will help them to understand more about how their bodies work and how to take care of themselves by exercising within safe limits.

In science we are concentrating on Chemistry and are investigating every day materials. We will be looking at different materials and how these can be changed or not changed; for example by bending, melting, tearing and breaking. We will be looking at how this influences what objects are made of. We will be looking at how we can recycle different materials.

In cooking we will be looking at a new dish to cook and looking at working out how much this has cost. We will be trying to see if we can cook a nutritious meal on a budget. Each week we will be reflecting on what went well and what didn't, and see if we can problem solve to make a change the following week.

Emperor Class will be visiting local places of interest including garden centres and pet shops in order to buy the items needed for the chickens. As the day light lengthens the hens will start laying eggs again so we will need to start checking for eggs regularly. We will be cleaning them out and keeping them topped up with fresh water and food.

In reflection we will be looking at what we have done over the week and celebrating what we and others have achieved.

Anne and John