



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1
Friday 13th September 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pupils and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed their first full week back at school and there has been a sense of excitement and motivation across the school as everybody gets well adjusted and into the full swing of school life.

We welcomed two more pupils into Caterpillar Class on Monday, Tristan and Amberley, who have been getting to know the school environment and their new friends throughout the week. The whole class have been enjoying the use of our newly updated play area on the lower lawn which has been designed to enhance the outdoor learning opportunities for our youngest pupils. Following fundraising in the Summer Term, organised by Lauren (Caterpillar Class Teacher), and a lot of hard work from Martin (Premises Manager), the area is looking inspirational and inviting. The children have had a lot of fun this week exploring the sandpit tyre, mud kitchen and other play equipment. There are some pictures below.

Next week we will sadly be saying goodbye to TSA Natalie on Wednesday. Natalie is currently based in Swallowtail Class and previously worked with our youngest class (Woodland). There will be a party to say goodbye next week.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class - have had a great first full week, attending sensory diet each morning which is run by the OT team. The children have also sat and enjoyed a selection of attention circles and completed art activities. Caterpillar Class have enjoyed exploring the outside area and have loved playing in the sand pit. Some of the children made it out on the minibus to the cycling track and had a lovely time exploring the track.

Meadow Class - are really enjoying our topic of 'Colour' and have been experimenting and learning about mixing colours through a variety of activities such as food colouring mixing and painting. They had the opportunity to explore the colour blue during their art therapy session with Keith, and they absolutely loved exploring different blue textures and materials. The children have been learning the class rules and practised waiting their turn during circle activities. This week the children chose the fruit they wanted to chop and made three different flavour smoothies using strawberries, mango, grapes and bananas. They also went on their first horse riding session this year and were amazing!

Peacock Class - have had a wonderful week! We had self-introduction about ourselves in our English and PSHE lessons and made a picture on the topic of "Our Dream House" by using pasta in our art lesson. We went cycling on Thursday and we visited Mercedes-Benz World on Friday. Everyone enjoyed the trip and we were able to get in different Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Amazing!

Reminders & Requests

Harvest Celebrations—thank you to all parents who have sent in food donations to help us celebrate harvest at Papillon. If you would like to donate any non-perishable items please could these be brought in with your child. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Cycling and art activities in Caterpillar Class



Mixing colours

Art work in Meadow



Phonics and food in Peacock!

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class - have been continuing our learning of "All About Me" by starting to think about our families, and some of us have been making family trees in our creative lessons. In cooking this week the children made "All About Me" pizzas, and Logan and Aiden tried them afterwards – yummy! The class went swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre on Tuesday, visited LIDL Leatherhead on Wednesday and had a fantastic time at Mercedes-Benz World on Friday. A very busy week!

Monarch Class - have had a lovely week this week. We enjoyed exploring instruments in our topic session on Monday and did some fantastic swimming on Tuesday. On Wednesday we enjoyed a trip to Tesco Gatwick and made cheese straws in our cooking session. On Thursday we did some fantastic maths work using our new 'White Rose' sessions and enjoyed starting our new ASDAN modules. Today the children did some fantastic P.E. work playing football and this afternoon we enjoyed a party to celebrate our birthdays from this week.

Admiral Class - enjoyed our trip to Box Hill and to Asda this week. We have also enjoyed our trip to Ebbisham Tennis Centre where we have continued to build on our tennis skills. In art we looked at a Picasso painting and created some pictures of our own using this unique style. In cooking we made pizza rolls which the children loved!

Emperor Class - had a busy and enjoyable first full week back! This term's new recipe for our Enterprise Café is Thai Green Curry with rice and was a real hit when the students served it to Papillon staff. Students took on various responsibilities including food preparation, cooking, money management and stock-taking, all of which contributed to developing their organisational and life skills. Students also enjoyed participating in tennis at The Ebbisham Sports Club and refining their football skills during PE lessons. In Science, each student, along with the Emperor Class staff, planted a sunflower. We look forward to watching these sunflowers grow and bloom which will be a wonderful visual representation of their progress and growth throughout the term.

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Shelbie for *"a fabulous first week and transitioning to activities."*

Meadow Aidan for *"being super brave and getting on the horse for the first time."*

Peacock Aahil for *"being a great friend."*

Swallowtail Bailey for *"amazing swimming on Tuesday."*



Photo Gallery



'All About Me' pizzas



Enjoying a book



Music fun in Monarch



Making cheese straws



Art work in Admiral

Birthdays



There were no Primary birthdays at Papillon this week.



CATERPILLAR
CLASS PLAY
AREA



Therapy

Well done to Tiana for engaging in her speech and language therapy session, making choices and participating in songs and games. *Jess Mason—Highly Specialist & Lead Speech and Language Therapist*

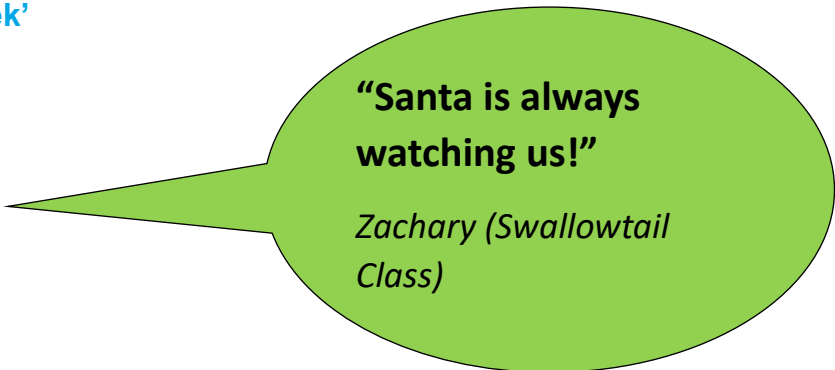
Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over this Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. Next week's assembly theme is Roald Dahl Story Day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	17 th September	am	NHS Immunisations Team (Flu Immunisations)
Monday	30 th September	All day	Harvest Festival Celebrations
Monday	7 th October	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	18 th October	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	4 th November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



"Santa is always watching us!"

Zachary (Swallowtail Class)

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CATERPILLAR CLASS



Caterpillar Class will be welcoming some new pupils this term, and we are looking forward to getting to know them and their families. Our topic this half term is 'Me and My Family'. We will learn about our school and teach others about what we like and our families. The children will learn topical vocabulary (including Makaton signs).

We will be working hard on developing our attention skills following the Attention Autism approach. Our attention circles will be linked to our topic, and we will be learning to play turn taking games.

Every Tuesday we will be heading out into the community on the minibus. We will visit local parks, supermarkets and libraries. The children will be buying the ingredients we need for our weekly cooking sessions or choosing books to bring back to class from the local library. Our physical activity this term is cycling. We look forward to going to the cycling track and riding the bikes.

During Literacy, the children will be completing a phonics lesson each week. They will complete activities related to different sounds they can make and also letter sounds. We will also be focussing on mark making using different tools. The children will also be heading to the school library once a week where they will be encouraged to share a book with an adult.

Our Science focus this half term is Biology. The children will be completing activities related to 'the body'. We will be labelling our body parts and looking at what our bodies can do.

As part of their creative development, the children will be making a variety of different crafts related to our topic. They will be exploring different materials and using different tools to complete tasks. Each week the children will also complete a cooking activity. We will be making fruit kebabs, face pizzas and trifles. The children will be encouraged to use the equipment they need independently.

We look forward to an exciting half term and getting to know each other.

Lauren

MEADOW CLASS



Topic and Off-site activities

Our **topic** this half term is **Colour!** Meadow Class will be learning about primary and secondary colours, as well as exploring and experimenting colour mixing using different resources.

Our **off-site activities** will take place on Monday afternoons. Children will continue to access the community while learning and practising how to be safe and having fun too!

Off-site physical activity

During the Autumn Term, Meadow Class will enjoy **Horse-Riding** sessions! This activity will take place on Thursdays. **Please provide navy blue/black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and wellies.** Tracksuit bottoms will be sent home every Thursday to be washed ready for the following week.

Literacy

Meadow Class will be accessing the Library once a week. Children will spend time working on their reading with 1:1 support, and will have access to the Reading Eggs app to consolidate their learning. Meadow Class will take part in tailored and grouped phonics sessions, working towards independent reading and writing, as well as comprehending what they read or write. Phonics sessions will take place every week in differentiated groups

Maths

During this term, and in line with the rest of the school, Meadow Class will be focusing on place value in their maths sessions. These will be delivered in a new format as we will gradually be introducing our White Rose scheme which will include lots of new engaging and fun resources and give the children opportunity to explore and use for their learning.

PSHE and ICT:

For **Personal, Social and Health Education**, Meadow Class will focus on class rules, and identifying their own emotions around personal achievements.

Our main focus in **ICT** this half term will be learning how to use a paint app on the class computer and school iPads in order to create individual pieces of work. We will also be using our ICT skills to play different games on the interactive white board.

Creative Developments

Most of our creative activities this term will focus on our topic 'Colour'. Children will explore primary and secondary colours, mixing them in different fun ways including marble painting and food colouring mixing amongst others. They will have the opportunity to take part in different making sessions. For example, they will use a salt painting technique to fill up some little gift bottles.

Children in Meadow Class will be seeing Anusha for their **Akademi Dance** session every Wednesday afternoon to learn how to express themselves through movement. They will also have access to **Boogie Beat** every Friday. This session focuses on developing rhythm through fun stories and action songs. We can't wait to dance with Julie and Giggles!

We look forward to a great start to the new academic year!

Kris

PEACOCK CLASS



Welcome back! I do hope all of you enjoyed a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to our new school term in this new school year!

Topic:

Our topic for this school half term is “Healthy living” and Peacock Class are going to learn more about how to keep our body healthy and also how to have a healthy mind.

Off-site activities:

Some of our off-site activities this year include going on walks in our local areas and countryside, and buying ingredients for our cooking lesson in the supermarkets. We went to Mercedes-Benz World on Friday. All of us enjoyed it and we gained a lot of new knowledge about cars.

Off-site physical activities:

This half term, Peacock class will go cycling on Thursdays. They did their first lesson very well. They enjoyed their cycling time and most of them are capable to ride a bicycle independently. We all had fun.

Literacy:

We will do our writing on every Wednesday and we have completed a self-introduction about introducing ourselves to the others. We will have our phonics lesson on every Monday and listening and speaking on every Friday. We had a happy time doing our little presentations about ourselves too. In order to develop a positive reading habit, Peacock Class will have a reading period every morning and visit the library every Thursday.

Maths:

This half-term, our focus in Maths is place value. We will use our new White Rose scheme to help us. Peacock Class will start to do our value-placing.

PSHE and ICT:

Peacock Class will keep on using Jigsaw for their PSHE lessons and we are going to learn more about “Being Me In My World”, “Celebrating Differences”, “Dreams & Goats”, “Healthy Me”, “Relationships” and “Changing Me”.

Art:

We have our art therapy sessions during our art lessons this term. This week we made “Our House” using pasta. We all enjoyed the lesson, and the works were full of imagination! We look forward to many more creative sessions throughout this term.

Well done, Peacock! Keep going with your good work and your engagement and enjoyment in the lessons for the coming year!

Bonnie

SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



Swallowtail's topic this term is 'All About Me' where we will be focusing on the different aspects of ourselves such as our classroom and our technology as well as lots of other exciting areas! In the first week, we will be focusing on how we spent our summer holidays, discussing this with our friends then writing and drawing about what we did during English sessions. In the second week, we will be looking at our wonderful families and thinking about where we came from and who our closest connections are. We will also be revisiting a thought-provoking story "All Are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman and we will be discussing the questions, importance, and themes throughout the term. Then, in the third week, we will be continuing to extend our learning about 'All About Me' by delving further into ancestry and where our origins were. We will look at neanderthals and early human beings and see the similarities and differences between us and them. Additionally, in the fourth week we will be focusing on our preferences whether they be foods, colours as well as other aspects. Then, as we move into the fifth week the class will be looking at the human body and what our bodies are made out of. As we move into the last few weeks of the half term, Swallowtail Class will be doing some writing and drawing about ourselves thinking more specifically about our natural make up and how we interact in different environments. The last few lessons will be based on what we have learnt about in this topic and will ultimately conclude "All About Me".

This half term, we will be aiming to visit ASDA supermarket and recycling centre, Box Hill Nature Trail, Tesco, Headley Heath as well as LIDL supermarket on our community visits. We will also have the chance to visit Dorking Leisure Centre this term and all Swallowtail children will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Please can you send in named swimming costumes, towels, swim hats (if applicable) and goggles (if your child would like to wear them) in a swim bag each Tuesday? We will send home swim bags each Tuesday ready to be washed for the following week.

In our maths lessons, Swallowtail Class will be focussing on learning to use and follow the new scheme of work; White Rose Maths this term and in their English sessions, some children are starting some 1:1 reading sessions as well as continuing to better their writing through using past, present, and future tense in the correct places and speech marks when their characters are talking. Additionally, other children will be focusing on adding images to pieces of writing as well as improvising short drama pieces and making contributions to group writing tasks. We will also be carrying out our exciting phonics sessions each week using the Twinkl scheme of work which I know the class enjoy very much.

For PE this term, Swallowtail class will start their topic of football with Charlene on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that you send in named PE kits for the children, as they will be needing to wear these for the sessions. They 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 'Being Me in My World'. For science sessions, Swallowtail Class will be continuing some biology sessions and our topic for these sessions this half term is 'Dinosaurs'. We will look at how dinosaurs lived on earth millions of years ago as well as think about how they were adapted to live in their environments. Children will carry out science lessons with John on a Monday. Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions on a Thursday based on our "All About Me" topic, including All About Me pizzas, favourite ingredients wraps and Butterfly Biscuits.

Lastly, many children will have the opportunity to carry out some gardening in the school grounds as well as use ICT facilities in class this term, and most will be using the iPads, computer and laptop to record their typing work and research on our topic of 'All About Me'.

MONARCH CLASS



This half term our topic is 'Making Music'. This week, we introduced our topic and explored and a range of different instruments and learnt their names.

In week 3, we will look at different elements of music and identify different rhythms, beats and harmonies. In week 4, we will look at the history of music and how styles have changed over time. In week 5 we will explore different musical genres and listen to different genres such as ballads, rock and jazz and in week 6, we will listen to music from different countries and compare their use of different instruments and lyrics. In week 7, we will be exploring emotion through music and how different songs can evoke different emotions/help to make us feel good.

This term our off-site activity is swimming. This will take place every Tuesday morning so please do remember to send your child in on this day with a swim kit inside a named bag. (This should include swim clothes and a towel.) You can also send in shower gel if you would like to.

Our science focus for this half term is Physics and over the next few weeks, some of us will be learning about earth and space, what the planets look like and different phases of the moon, whilst others will learn about different forces, how friction affects movement and directionality.

In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Being Me in My World'. We will learn about our responsibilities and celebrating our own individuality as well as how our behaviour effects those around us.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work, 'Drawing and Desktop Publishing'. Over the course of this half term we will learn how to use different devices and programs to create pictures using different formatting systems. For our R.E. focus for this half term, we will be learning about Sikh values, and cover topics such as what is a Gurdwara and what happens there.

Nikki

ADMIRAL CLASS



This half term our topic is 'Hello! Let Me Introduce Myself'. Each week we will look at a different aspect of ourselves from interests that we have, our likes and dislikes and facts about our person, from how tall we are to our feet size. Each week we will add more work to our display board.

This term our physical activity is tennis. We will be playing tennis on a Monday at the Ebbisham Sports Centre, improving on the skills that we have already learnt. Please send your young person in with the needed items.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work 'animation' where we will be making stop motion films using the iPads. We will also be investigating other ways to create a moving picture.

In cooking we will be making a range of different yummy foods, building on our previous knowledge of food hygiene and safety. This half term we be focussing on bread and dough and the range of different food such as pizzas and garlic bread.

In our outdoor learning lessons we will be investigating the amount of vehicles that use the road near Papillon House School. We will also be making maps and diagrams of the area. Another part of our outdoor learning is exploring the changes happening due to the change of the season. For example, the sound that the 'floor' makes when walking over it.

In our art/ making sessions we will be looking into portraits and using a range of different materials to make montages of our faces and of the landscape.

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



This term, our topic is "Developing Independence and Safety in the Community," which will be integrated into all aspects of our learning, both inside and outside the classroom.

We will continue to run our Enterprise Café, a valuable initiative that provides students with opportunities to build independence, life skills and workplace readiness. This term's recipe is Thai Green Chicken or Vegetable Curry with rice, a dish that proved to be a hit when sold to staff this week. Through this project, students will take on various responsibilities including food preparation, cooking, managing finances, and inventory control, all while learning how to use kitchen equipment safely and effectively.

In preparation for our weekly café days, held every Thursday, students will plan their shopping list, visit a local supermarket to buy the ingredients, and perform tasks with minimal adult support. This hands-on experience is designed to enhance their problem-solving skills, boost their confidence, and foster greater independence.

In Science, our focus will be on the essential needs of animals, plants, and humans for survival and health. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the role of exercise and a balanced diet in maintaining overall well-being.

Our PSHE topic, "Being Me In My World," will cover important themes such as recognising and celebrating individual differences, understanding risky behaviours and social influences, fostering a positive self-identity, and building healthy relationships.

In ICT, students will utilise spreadsheets to track stock levels, manage meal orders, and record financial transactions. This practical application of technology will enhance their engagement and provide meaningful context for their learning. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to design menus and promotional posters for our Enterprise projects, further connecting their classroom experiences with real-world applications.

This term, students will have the opportunity to enhance their vocational skills through our engaging Enterprise projects. Our focus will be on Horticulture, offering a hands-on experience that includes working directly in our garden area. Students will participate in a variety of activities such as planting and nurturing a diverse range of plants, creating beautiful and functional hanging baskets, and learning the fundamentals of caring for our chickens. This experience is designed to build practical skills, foster a deeper understanding of sustainable practices, and instil a sense of responsibility and teamwork.

In addition, students will also participate in weekly PE and dance lessons. These sessions are designed to enhance physical fitness and coordination whilst exploring rhythm, movement, and self-expression.

It'll be an exciting term and I am thoroughly looking forward to working with the students and getting to know them further.

Mary