



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 8th November 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2 everybody! It was great to see everybody back in school on Monday, all arrived with enthusiasm and excitement for the new term. As we start our "Christmas Term" with glitter at the ready, we anticipate having lots of fun on the build up to this celebration, including lots of hard work practicing for our Christmas performance! This year we have been inspired by one of our eldest pupils, Yara, who is helping us with our planning and giving us plenty of creative and festive ideas for the event. Thank you Yara!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have enjoyed different firework activities this week and made some lovely firework pictures. They also made sparkler biscuits during cooking which we enjoyed at Erin's birthday party. Caterpillar Class did some great maths work grouping different objects and all attended beautifully to our attention circles.

Meadow Class started the week with a fun Diwali Assembly. Our highlight of the week was the sparklers activity! Children went to ASDA to buy sparklers, then came back to school and took turns holding a sparklers following the safety rules they had practiced earlier that day – they all did incredible well! Children completed a recap Phonics activity using sand trays to write learnt sounds and in Science, children identified characters from silhouettes. The children made some delicious chocolate sparklers, fun salt painting fireworks and used the 'boom whackers' for the first time during our music session.

Peacock Class enjoyed an assembly which was about Diwali and enjoyed singing and dancing together. In our English session we started to learn lower case letters from a – z, working towards writing all lower cases letters independently. We thought about how most of the leaves in our school garden have turned yellow and we asked why. We later found out that trees must save their nutrients to the leaves as there is not so much sunlight in autumn. Trees reduce sending their water to the leaves which make the leaves turn yellow. Amazing Autumn!

Class Topic—Autumn Term 2

(Please see a full overview of this half term topics at the end of this newsletter.)

Caterpillar Class – Christmas

Meadow Class – Christmas Celebrations

Peacock Class – Christmas Wishes

Swallowtail Class – 'Twas the Night before Christmas

Monarch Class – Twelve Days of Christmas

Admiral Class – My School Performance

Emperor Class – Launching a Show

Reminders & Requests

To mark **Anti-Bullying week** next week all children and young people are invited to wear **odd socks** on Tuesday to show our support and celebrate our differences. The brighter socks the better!

Friday 15th November is 'Children in Need' Day. All our children and young people are invited to wear a 'fitness-themed' outfit and bring in a £2 donation which will go directly to Children in Need. Papillon will be organising a sponsored walk, differentiated for all abilities. An optional sponsor form is attached to this newsletter if you would like to ask family and friends to sponsor us!

Photo Gallery



Firework fun in Caterpillar



Safety with sparklers



A busy week in Peacock

Swallowtail Class have been focusing much of their work on Firework Night and Diwali this week. They have also started their new topic for the half term, "Twas the Night before Christmas" and have already watched a video and completed some making work on this topic. The class have participated in cooking this week where they enjoyed making edible sparklers and even took some home for you to try – we hope you enjoyed them! Swallowtail Class visited Knights Garden Centre in Betchworth to see the Christmas decorations and also saw Oreo and Sweetpea, the centre's resident cats! Lastly, Logan enjoyed visiting Tesco in Gatwick on Wednesday with his Kaleidoscope peers and walked independently around the store and put some items through the till – well done, Logan!

Photo Gallery



Visit to Knights Garden Centre



Breadstick sparklers

Secondary Department News

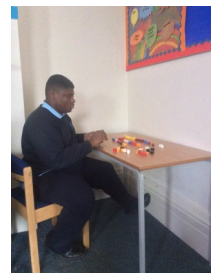
Monarch Class enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot on Monday. They did fantastically well at swimming on Tuesday and enjoyed making firework pictures in our weekly art sessions with Keith. On Wednesday, the children made firework apples and breadstick sparklers and completed some fantastic Phonics work. Yesterday, they enjoyed ASDAN and a Bonfire Night themed attention circle. Today, we did some fabulous P.E. continuing with our football skills.



Classwork in Monarch



Cuddles with Luna the dog



Maths work

Admiral Class have been learning about Guy Fawkes and why people celebrate Bonfire Night. In our outdoor learning we have started to get the garden ready for winter. In our ICT lesson we started to input instructions into a robot turtle to make it move. We have also been writing about what activities we experienced in the half term break.

Emperor Class had a very enjoyable first week back after half term! We launched our new menu in the café, offering a variety of baguettes which went down really well with the staff. Yara also baked some delicious flapjacks, that were very well received. On Wednesday, we had a great time visiting the David Weir Centre, where the students enjoyed watching a range of sports activities in action.



Café prep and class work in Emperor



Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Shelbie for "settling at lunch time and eating her lunch."

Meadow Jamie for "fantastic maths."

Peacock Jack for "being a very helpful member of the class."

Swallowtail Bailey for "cooking wonderful chocolate sparklers and sharing them with a new member of staff."

Birthdays

Erin (Caterpillar Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received a nail salon voucher, an adult beverage and some Ritz crackers! They celebrated with a yummy chocolate cake!



Therapy

Well done to Monarch Class for a great 'food is fun' session, all adjusting well to the changes made over the half-term!' – *Emma Kennington, Speech & Language Therapist & Therapy Assistants*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Mila for being very grown up at school. Well done Mila!



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over this Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme next week is Remembrance.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	12 th November	All day	Odd Socks Day
Friday	15 th November	All day	Children in Need 'fitness-themed' mufti day
Friday	22 nd November		Christmas pantomime visit in school
Wednesday	4 th December	am	Caterpillar & Meadow Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday	11 th December	am	Peacock & Swallowtail Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Thursday	12 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday	16 th December		Primary Nativity Assembly & Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday	18 th December	1.30pm	Christmas Performance
Thursday	19 th December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday	20 th December	2pm	End of Autumn Term—children finish at 2pm

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"This is the best day ever!"

Mila (Monarch Class) being awarded the Head Teacher's Award

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Party food!



Celebrating achievements!

**Head
Teacher's
Tea Party**



Lucky dip!



Playing games!



***Well done Amberley, Kuba,
Zachary and Mila!***

***Thank you for joining my tea
party! Katie***



CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is 'Christmas'. We will learn about our school and teach others about our likes and dislikes and all about our families. The children will learn topical vocabulary (including Makaton signs).

We will continue to work on the children's attention skills using the 'Attention Autism' approach. This will include attention circles that support their understanding of our topic, and they will play turn taking games with their peers. We are currently on stage 3 of the attention Autism Approach and will be working on completing stage 4 this term. They are doing so well!

This half term we will explore the local community. We will visit local parks, supermarkets and we have a very exciting trip planned to see Father Christmas. On a separate visit, Caterpillar Class will visit a local garden centre to look at the Christmas decorations. Our physical activity this term is cycling.

During Literacy, the children will be completing Phonics sessions. The children will learn a different letter each week. This half term we will be looking at the letters g, o, c, k, e, u and r. At the end of the week, they will have the opportunity to write the letter and turn it into an animal. The children have enjoyed going to the school library and will continue to have weekly visits where they will be encouraged to share a book with an adult. In our Maths sessions we will be making comparisons between groups and singing number rhymes.

In our outdoor area the children will be moving in different ways, using a range of equipment and will be developing their fine motor skills. The children will be encouraged to use the chalk on the large chalk board. They also have access to a mud kitchen where they can fill, and empty different sized pots and they can use the trucks in the sand pit.

Our Science focus this half term is Chemistry. The children will be watching and completing different cause and effect experiments. They will have the opportunity to explore what happens when raisins are put in lemonade and what happens when bicarbonate soda is mixed with vinegar.

As part of their creative development, the children will be making a variety of different crafts related to our topic. They will make firework pictures, decorate poppies and use different materials to make a snowman. The children will also enjoy lots of different Christmas crafts. The children will enjoy cooking activities including sparkler breadsticks, fruit trifle and Christmas biscuits.

We look forward to an exciting half term.

Lauren

MEADOW CLASS



Topic and Off-site activities

Our **topic** this half term is **Christmas Celebrations!** The first half of the half term will be focused on weekly topics including fireworks, Remembrance and cold weather. Meadow Class will be learning about different celebrations that happen around Christmas time around the world, including Diwali and Hanukkah celebrations.

In our **off-site activities** the children will continue to work on accessing the community in a safe way. Our most exciting visit this term will be meeting Father Christmas at Bocketts Farm!

Off-site physical activity

During the Autumn Term some of our children will be accessing horse-riding sessions. **Please provide navy blue/black tracksuit bottoms**. Tracksuit bottoms will be sent home every Thursday to be washed and ready for the following week.

Literacy

Meadow Class will be taking part in Phonics sessions twice a week, and the sounds we will be working on are ai, oam and igh, and we will continue to practice already learnt sounds. The children will also take part in multisensory writing activities to increase attention and engagement including finger writing in sand, making letters with playdough and matching concrete objects to words and/or initial sounds. Meadow Class will access the library once a week to read and explore different books that they might choose to take home to read with you!

Maths

During this term, and in line with the rest of the school, Meadow Class will continue to focus on place value during Maths sessions. We will be working on the mathematical terms 'more, fewer, same'. The children will use 'White Rose' concrete materials and worksheets.

PSHE and ICT:

For **Personal, Social and Health Education**, Meadow Class will focus on the second Jigsaw Puzzle – Celebrating difference. The children will learn about differences and similarities between people in the classroom presented in Attention Autism based activities.

Our **ICT** sessions will help the children to understand what an algorithm is and how can we use them to give and follow instructions, particularly when using building materials or programming toys.

Creative Development

Children will continue to make use of different materials and tools to create their work following an adult's model. This will include salt painting fireworks, clay poppies and lots of Christmas making activities. Meadow Class will have a weekly Making session led by Keith Waterman (our school Art Therapist) where children will create their own piece of work following the weekly topics, using different materials, textures and tools.

Some children in Meadow Class will continue to see Anusha for their **Akademi Dance** and learn how to express themselves through movement. Some will also have access to **Boogie Beat** every Friday. This session focuses on developing rhythm through fun stories and action songs.

PEACOCK CLASS



Topic:

Our topic for this half term is “Christmas Wishes” and Peacock Class are going to share our care and love to the others at Christmas.

Off-site activities:

Some of our off-site activities this term include going on walks in our local areas and countryside, and buying ingredients for our cooking lesson in the supermarkets. We plan to visit different garden centres to understand the reasons behind Christmas decorations.

Off-site physical activities:

This half term, Peacock Class will go cycling on Thursdays. We enjoyed the cycling time and most of them are capable to ride a bicycle independently and sometimes helped the little ones for their cycling too. We all had fun.

Literacy:

We will practise our writing every Wednesday and we are going to write letters to Santa Claus to make our Christmas wishes. We are learning how to write lowercase letters and how to use them in our daily writing. We are also learning the usage of putting full-stop in our sentences (we find that this is very useful!). We are planning a story writing session about Christmas, 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 learn partition numbers into 10’s and 1’s.

PSHE:

Peacock Class will continue using Jigsaw for their PSHE lessons and we are going to learn more about the differences between rewards and consequences, how to make better choices and how are our choices affect others.

Cooking:

Cooking lessons are always our favourite lessons. We all know how to cut, chop and mix many kinds of food by ourselves. We made “sparkles” to celebrate the Bonfire Night. They are so beautiful and delicious.

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

Bonnie

SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



Swallowtail's topic this term is 'Twas the Night before Christmas' where the children will be focusing on the different aspects of this well-known story and poem, characters, and their feelings as well as lots of other exciting areas! In the first week, they will be focusing on Firework Night and Diwali, discussing this with their friends and adults and taking part in firework-based lessons such as cooking chocolate coated breadsticks (edible sparklers) and taking part in some special firework activities. We will also be visiting a local garden centre to look for the beginning of Christmas decorations. In the second week, we will start learning about the story of "Twas the Night before Christmas". The video we will be watching can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAtnC7iQ7F8> . We will also be discussing the main questions, importance, and themes of the story and poem throughout the week.

In the third week, we will be continuing to extend our learning about "Twas the Night before Christmas" by focusing on the characters and thinking about their decision-making and morals they may have learnt during their journey. In our fourth week, we will be looking at how snow is formed and use this knowledge in our Science sessions based on weather and physics. Then, in our fifth week, the morals of the overall story/poem will be discussed and the lessons that can be learnt from it will be highlighted.

Lastly, in week 6 we will be thinking about Christmas Pantomimes and the joy they bring to so many people! Additionally, with regards to Swallowtail's community visits his half term, we will be aiming to visit Tesco supermarket, Redhill Poundland, Redhill Memorial Park as well as a local garden centre to see the Christmas decorations. We will also have the chance to continue swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre this term and all Swallowtail children will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Also, later in the term, Swallowtail Class will have the very exciting opportunity to meet Father Christmas at Bocketts Farm and will exchange a special coin given to them by Father Christmas for a special gift!

In our Maths lessons, Swallowtail Class will be focussing on the partitioning of numbers and writing numbers to 100, patterns and continuation of patterns and comparing different objects this term. In their English sessions, some children are continuing to better their writing through using capital letters, full stops and lower-case letters in the appropriate places. Additionally, some other children will be focusing on letter sounds, imitating sounds and communicating with a peer. 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 continue taking part in football sessions where they will be using their spatial awareness and ball skills to progress in the game. 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 'Celebrating Difference'.

Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions on a Thursday, including chocolate sparklers for Fireworks Night, decorations using melted sugar and Christmas themed cooking at the end of the term. Lastly, Swallowtail Class are going to start learning more about different cultures in their Worldviews sessions in class. Many children will have the opportunity to carry out some computer time using the ICT facilities in class this term, and most will be using the iPads, computer, and laptop to record their typed work and research on our topic of 'Twas the Night before Christmas'.

MONARCH CLASS



This half term our topic is 'Twelve Days of Christmas', although we will not officially start this topic for the first few weeks. This week, we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and his reasons for plotting to blow up the Houses of Parliament. We also reminded ourselves of how we can keep safe during Bonfire Night or at a firework display event. In week 2 we will take part in a range of activities to commemorate Remembrance Day and will learn about the significance of this date. In week 3, we will introduce our topic by reading 'The 12 Days of Christmas' and sequence the events in the story. In week 4, we will learn about the different animals, the significance of these gifts and where they originate from. In week 5 we will learn about Christmas traditions through the ages and how the gifts would be very different if the poem was written in modern day times. In weeks 6 and 7, we will have a go at writing our own '12 days of Christmas' poems, using gift ideas that would be more relevant to our own interests.

We will be continuing with our Tuesday swimming sessions for our off-site physical activity. Please do continue 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 and shampoo if you would like to. Our Science focus for this half term is Chemistry and during these sessions some of Monarch Class pupils will be learning about different states of matter, observing changes in simple experiments and using different equipment to separate mixtures, whilst some of us learn about weathering and the effects of erosion and natural elements. In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Celebrating Difference'. Some of these topics include learning about different family structures, ways of helping people that are being bullied and understanding prejudice and discrimination.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work 'Online Searchers and Surfers', whilst others will be learning about Flowol. Some of our children will be learning to create and interpret flow charts using the correct symbols, whilst others will be learning about using various internet sources to conduct research and present data using different programmes. For our R.E. focus for this half term is 'Why do Christians call Jesus 'Saviour'? We will explore how Jesus was a friend and Saviour to people that he met, which often included poor and vulnerable groups. We will also consider how meeting Jesus changed peoples' lives and reflect on how Jesus is still 'Saviour' for most Christians today. In our cooking sessions this half term, we will be focusing on roast dinner and sides that might accompany this meal. The children will be learning to safely use a range of cooking equipment and the oven to make food items such as pigs in blankets, Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes, swede and carrot mash, roasted parsnips, honey glazed carrots, brussels sprouts and, of course, mince pies!

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

ADMIRAL CLASS



This half term our topic is 'My School Performance'. Each week we will be looking into a different part of a performance. We will discover the different jobs that people have and what people must do to be able to put on a performance.

This term our physical activity will continue to be tennis at the Ebbisham Tennis Centre. We will continue to build on skills from last half term and the rules of tennis. Please send in your young person with the **named** kit needed.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work 'Programming Turtle' where we will be learning how to program the turtle to make it move. We will learn how to input instructions into the turtle so it can move around a course without bumping into items.

In cooking we will be making a range of different items with the focus being on pasta and then Christmas treats.

For our outdoor learning lessons we will be playing outdoor games and getting the garden ready for winter. We will be sweeping the garden and putting equipment away so it is safe for the winter.

In our art/making sessions we will be making firework scenes to represent Bonfire Night. We will also be creating Remembrance pictures and starting to make the decorations for the Christmas show.

In English we will be writing about topics such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

In Math we are continuing with the 'White Rose' scheme of work and build on last half terms learning.

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.

Thanks,

Gavin

EMPEROR CLASS



Emperor's termly update will be sent with next week's newsletter.