



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. It has been great to welcome all our pupils and young people back to Papillon this week. We have been looking forward to the New Year thinking about our dreams and resolutions, fresh starts and setting goals for the year ahead. We will continue our New Year theme next week during assemblies.

Well done to the seven pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term (and ten pupils who achieved 100% attendance over the last half term). Good school attendance supports our children to feel confident and happy about school, and statistics show a direct link with pupils who regularly attend school finding school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in maintaining your child's attendance.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class It has been a lovely week welcoming Caterpillar Class back after the holidays, they have seemed happy to be back and have attended to some lovely attention circles and activities. The children enjoyed a trip to Asda and bought the ingredients to make trifles in our cooking session. This term, we will be going horse riding, and this week we got to go and visit the stables and say hello to some of the horses we will be seeing each week.

Meadow Class have spent time talking about New Year's resolutions this week and what the children would like to achieve this year. The most popular was to be happy and make friends! During maths we were learning to identify zero, the children were amazing and very engaged throughout. We also enjoyed cooking scones, although it got a bit sticky! On Thursday some of us went on an exciting trip to Wing Yip with Swallowtail Class, we all had a lovely time and enjoyed a snack in the cafe. The others had a lovely time at school creating some work for our farm animal board and enjoyed some relaxing.

Peacock Class went shopping at Asda for our cooking ingredients and also to prepare for Joseph's birthday party. Before we shopped, we made a shopping list and a budget list as we wanted to compare the food prices. We learnt that we had to be wise when spending our money. We made a paper cup monster with a glove, paper cup and a straw, and also made yummy sushi sandwiches in our cooking lesson. We started our topic of 'electrical circuits' and we now know more about how electricity works.

Class Topics - Spring Term 1

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

Caterpillar Class – Buildings and Constructions

Meadow Class – Farm Animals

Peacock Class – Robots and Machines

Swallowtail Class – Chinese Festivals

Monarch Class – Food From Around the World

Admiral Class – Developing Positive Relationships

Emperor Class – Building Links to the Future



Reminders & Requests

A Papillon 'shout out' to the 7 children who achieved **100% attendance** overall during the Autumn Term. Well done to you all!

With the cold weather upon us, please can we ask that all children and young people come to school with a **named coat**.

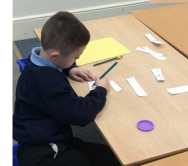
Photo Gallery



Caterpillar enjoyed their first horse riding session



Making scones



New Year resolutions



Making paper cup monsters

Photo Gallery

Swallowtail Class have begun learning about their topic for this half term, 'Chinese Festivals' and we have already started looking at traditional dragon dances and some children have begun to make dragon masks. The class have also been interested in the Chinese Zodiac calendar and know which animal they are according to their birth year. The class enjoyed a number of trips this week, however they loved visiting Wing Yip in Croydon to look at the decorations and buy a snack, and the lovely staff gave them all a Chinese New Year goody bag! We also visited Tesco Gatwick on Monday and the children did a great job at ASDA on Wednesday with our recycling.



*Swallowtail visit
ASDA and Wing Yip*

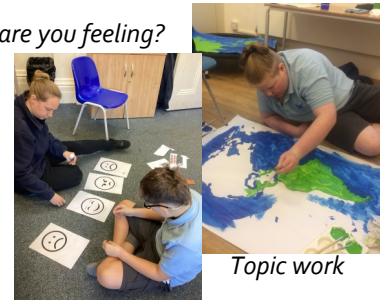
Secondary Department News

Monarch Class enjoyed a trip to Tesco on Monday to buy party food for Jenny's birthday party today. On Tuesday, we introduced our new topic 'Foods from Around the World' and did some fantastic science work looking at fossils and different types of plants. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed cooking and making scones for the first stop on our 'food tour', the UK. On Thursday we did some lovely PSHE work and today the children did some fantastic typing on the computer for reflection.

Admiral Class started our new ICT sessions looking at how we stay safe online. Admiral Class have enjoyed three trips out in the community where we visited Dorking Library, Chessington Garden Centre, and ASDA to buy our shopping ingredients. We have started our new topic 'Developing Positive Relationships' and discussed all the different types of relationships that people have. This week we have continued with our White Rose Maths Scheme where we looked at multiplying 10s, and we enjoyed exploring fossils in science, describing their appearance.

Emperor Class have had a busy and enjoyable first week back. On Wednesday we visited the David Weir Centre, where the students had a great time exploring the gym equipment, which was a big hit. We also enjoyed a scenic and snowy trip to Box Hill. In the Emperor cafe, we served a delicious Polish chicken and noodle soup, a perfect warming dish that the staff thoroughly enjoyed. Our talented dessert chefs, Yara and Michael, also made a very tasty apple crumble and custard!

How are you feeling?



Topic work



*Admiral visit
Chessington Garden
Centre*



*Making Polish
chicken noodle
soup*



Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Nevaeh for "completing different activities in class and confidently riding Briony at horse riding."
Meadow the whole class for "a positive week back to school."
Peacock Jack for "getting on a horse at horse riding."
Swallowtail Logan for "doing some amazing recycling at ASDA on Wednesday and having a good first week back at school."

Birthdays

Joseph celebrated his birthday this week and received some magic clay. The class had a party to celebrate and Joseph enjoyed some chocolate cake and games with his friends.



Therapy

Well done to Tegan for great engagement in this week's 'Food is Fun' group. Tegan tried each of the 13 food items on offer, most of which were new this term. Tegan was able to say why she either liked or disliked the foods and remained happy throughout. *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist and Therapy Assistants.*

Well done to James and Michael on working so hard during their work experience session this week. James and Michael visited The Children's Trust Charity shop in Banstead where they helped to keep the shop tidy and sort through new donations. *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist and Charlene Hooper, Teaching Support Assistant.*



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place during the Spring Term 2025. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is New Year resolutions.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	24th January	am	Immunisation Team in for Year 9's
Friday	14th February	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	24th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday	25th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Thursday	6th March	All day	World Book 'Dress-up' Day
Wednesday	30th April	pm	Secondary Transition Fair—see below

We are excited to invite secondary parents to an upcoming event at Papillon, designed to support you to prepare your child for adulthood. Join us on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th April to explore a range of opportunities, including colleges, supported internships, and other post-school pathways.

This event aims to provide valuable information and ideas about future possibilities for your child's journey beyond school. Further details to follow!

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"I'm glad the apple crumble sold!"

Yara—Emperor Class

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CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is 'Buildings and Constructions'. During this topic we are focussing on the books 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Bob the Builder'. During this topic, the children will participate and watch different attention circles linked to the topic. The children will learn new topical vocabulary, which will include the appropriate Makaton signs.

In maths we will be looking at early number recognition. The children will listen to stories incorporating counting and explore different numbers within the environment. The children will also begin to learn about repeating patterns using instruments, stories and different materials.

In phonics we will continue to look at different letter sounds. The children will explore objects that begin with that letter sound, trace the letter and complete a craft linked to that letter. Our letters this half term are r, h, b, f and l. During English the children will be using different tools to make marks or write letters.

We will be taking wintery walks to explore our outdoor areas in Science and look closely at what clothes we should be wearing to stay warm. The children will also have the opportunity to see what happens when water is frozen and play with arctic animals. Our next Science topic will be 'let it flow', where we will experiment with floating and sinking.

During our PSHE sessions our focus is 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will participate in different attention circle activities to support this topic. During our art session the children will be exploring different materials and working together to create work for our display board.

Each week we will be heading out in the minibus to go horse riding. It is always a really lovely activity, and we are excited to see how the children get on. On our first week we will be trying on our hats and meeting the horses in the yard. After this we will be encouraging the children to mount the horses to ride. For our community visits, the children will visit different supermarkets to buy ingredients for our cooking sessions, a local library, garden centres and Wing Yip for Chinese New Year.

Our outdoor area has a new climbing frame for the children to climb. It will be exciting to see what the children make of it! The sand pit will have diggers and trucks in for the children to explore and they will have the opportunity to do different making activities.

It's going to be a lovely half term.

Lauren

MEADOW CLASS



Our **topic** this half term is '**Farm Animals**'. We will be learning about a different farm animal each week including cows, ducks, sheep, horses, pigs and chickens! In our **off-site activities** the children will be accessing the local community shops, parks and some winter walks. In World Views we will be discussing the theme 'What Makes our World Wonderful?' and learning about different religious views on creation.

Off-site physical activity

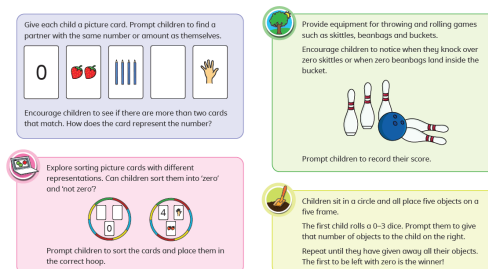
This term our off-site activity is cycling. Due to the cold weather, this will not happen during the first three weeks so we will be doing alternative activities. During cycling, the children will be wearing a helmet and choosing from a variety of two seater bikes, trikes and bikes that use arm pedals.

Literacy

Meadow Class will be taking part in phonics sessions twice a week, and the sounds we will be working on are oo/ar/or/ and /ur (Twinkl phonics level 3) and we will continue to practice learnt sounds. We will continue to make the most of our library sessions with independent reading and using the Reading Eggs app. Our class English sessions will be based around stories involving farm animals, 'Farmyard Hullabaloo', 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'Rosie's Walk'. Meadow Class will also be looking at non-fiction information books about farm animals.

Maths

Meadow Class have really been enjoying the White Rose maths scheme and will continue working on their understanding of place value by manipulating numbers between 0-5, including 0 as a place holder which is a tricky concept! Please see the visual below if you would like some activities to do at home to support their learning. There are also additional activities on the White Rose website.



Give each child a picture card. Prompt children to find a partner with the same number or amount as themselves.

Encourage children to see if there are more than two cards that match. How does the card represent the number?

Provide equipment for throwing and rolling games such as skittles, beanbags and buckets.

Encourage children to notice when they knock over zero skittles or when zero beanbags land inside the bucket.

Prompt children to record their score.

Explore sorting picture cards with different representations. Can children sort them into 'zero' and 'not zero'?

Prompt children to sort the cards and place them in the correct hoop.

Children sit in a circle and all place five objects on a five frame.

The first child rolls a 0-3 dice. Prompt them to give that number of objects to the child on the right.

Repeat until they have given away all their objects. The first to be left with zero is the winner!

PSHE and ICT:

For **Personal, Social and Health Education**, Meadow Class will focus on the third Jigsaw Puzzle – Dreams and Goals. This will be supported in assemblies and class circle times. Children will take part in 'calm me' time and participate in Attention Autism based activities on Dreams and Goals, starting with New Year resolutions!

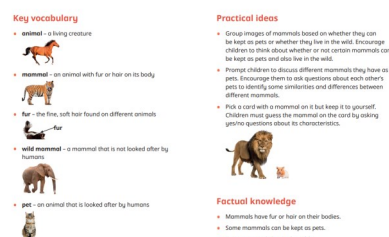
Our **ICT** sessions will be based around internet safety and learning how to use images and access websites safely. The children will increase their understanding of potential dangers of the internet.

Creative Development

Children will be using a range of materials and art processes to create images of farm animals in line with weekly topics. In music, we will be exploring a variety of instruments and loud/soft, fast/slow sounds. 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.

Science

Children will learn about mammals (especially farm mammals!) using the White Rose science schemes of work.



Key vocabulary

- animal** – a living creature
- mammal** – an animal with fur or hair on its body
- fox** – the fox, with hair found on different animals
- wild mammal** – a mammal that is not looked after by humans
- pet** – an animal that is looked after by humans

Practical ideas

- Group images of mammals based on whether they can be kept as pets or whether they live in the wild. Encourage children to think about whether or not certain mammals can be kept as pets and also live in the wild.
- Prompt children to discuss different mammals they have as pets. Encourage them to ask questions about each other's pets to identify some similarities and differences between different mammals.
- Pick a card with a mammal on it but keep it to yourself. Children must guess the mammal on the card by asking yes/no questions about its characteristics.

Factual knowledge

- Mammals have fur or hair on their bodies.
- Some mammals can be kept as pets.
- Some mammals live in the wild.

Some children in Meadow Class will continue to see Anusha for their **Akademi dance** and learn how to express themselves through movement, as well as badminton lessons in PE with Charlene on Friday afternoons.

We look forward to fun half- term!

The Meadow Class Team

PEACOCK CLASS



Welcome back! Happy 2025! I do hope all of you enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday and are looking forward to our new school term this new year!

Topic:

Our topic of this half term is “Robots and Machines” and Peacock Class are going to learn more about how electrical circuits are formed with some fun experiments awaiting us!

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 Asda this Wednesday where we prepared a shopping list and a budget list before we shopped. All of us enjoyed the trip and we had some very helpful children looking out for what we needed. We look forward to continuing to develop our confidence and independence in the community.

Off-site physical activities:

This half term Peacock Class will go swimming on Tuesdays. The first session will start next Tuesday. All children will need a named swimming bag with named items inside: costume/trunks and towel, and if they choose, a swimming hat and goggles. We look forward to learning about how to keep ourselves safe in the water, including following adults instructions when accessing the pool and how to get out of the pool from the side independently. We will also practice some swimming skills and have fun playing in the water!

Literacy:

We will be practicing our fine motor skills daily, but having our more formal writing lessons on Wednesdays. We are going to write our 2025 resolution next week. We will have our phonics lessons every Monday and listening and speaking through reflection time every Friday as usual. In order to develop a positive reading habit, Peacock Class will have a reading period each morning and visit the school library every Thursday. We recently started watching Newsround every day and we enjoy sharing our opinions and discussions on the different topics. We recently had a discussion on how to deal with the changing weather this Thursday. We had a lot of different ideas to share with our friends!

Maths:

This half-term our focus in Maths is addition and subtraction within numbers 1-20. We will keep on using the White Rose scheme of work to help us develop our understanding of number. We will apply our mathematical skills throughout the week through various activities, including during morning work, cooking and snack times. Some of us will access more sensory based Maths through the Attention Autism approach.

PSHE and Asdan

Peacock Class will continue using Jigsaw and we are going to be learning more about our “Dreams & Goals”, listening to each other and sharing our aspirations for the future. We recently started our ASDAN lessons on Mondays and will continue working towards achieving our first accreditations through this!

Well done, Peacock Class! Keep on with your good work and your engagement and enjoyment in our lessons for this coming term!

Bonnie

SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year period and that 2025 has been a good year so far. The class have had a lovely week and have had a successful start to the year!

Swallowtail's topic this term is 'Chinese Festivals' where we will be focusing on Chinese New Year! We have found out that this year is 'The Year of the Snake' and we will be finding out which Zodiac animal we are according to our dates of birth. At the beginning of the term, we will be looking at New Years resolutions and making our own. We will also be reading and listening to the non-fiction book, "Chinese Festivals" from our library. We will then be looking at the origin story of Chinese New Year and the animals of the Zodiac and writing about the different animals and the characteristics they hold. Swallowtail Class will be trying different Chinese delicacies throughout the term and choosing their favourites to have at our Chinese New Year party on January 31st! John will also be cooking some Chinese New Year favourites with the children on Mondays, and these sessions will include spring rolls, New Year animal cookies and noodles.

Additionally, the class will be making Chinese lion and dragon masks to use at our party and they might even be able to show them off during a weekly assembly. Some of us will be lucky enough to have the chance to visit Mo at RDA riding school this term and will be horse riding some Thursdays starting Thursday 9th January. The rest of the class will be able to attend tennis sessions in Epsom on Mondays starting Monday 13th January and the class will be able to access cycling on a Thursday morning from Thursday 30th January. The class are going to be extremely busy this term with their physical exercise! There will be no swimming lessons this term, so please do not send in swimming kits for your children. Also, please do send in any PE kits that have not already been sent in for this term, thank you!

In our maths lessons, Swallowtail Class will be focusing on filling gaps on number lines, estimating numbers on number lines as well as comparing objects and comparing numbers. Others will be learning about hearing and saying number names and begin to order number names. In their English sessions, some children are continuing to better their writing through using full stops, commas and lower-case letters in the appropriate places as well as using their spoken language to recite and speak about particular topics. Additionally, some other children will be continuing to focus on letter sounds, imitating sounds and communicating with a peer or adult. We will also be carrying out our exciting Twinkl phonics sessions each week which I know the class enjoy very much.

We will be starting to follow the White Rose scheme of work for our science sessions this term, and some of the class will begin looking at plants (which I know a few of the class are very interested in!) for our Biology topic. John will be teaching the Worldviews sessions with the class on a Monday which will link to our topic of "Chinese Festivals".

Lastly, Swallowtail Class will be learning about Internet Safety Day in early February and will be doing some PSHE work on this as well as being able to put their knowledge into practice in class and in assembly!

Alex and John

MONARCH CLASS



This half term our topic is 'Foods from Around The World'. This week, we introduced our topic and researched where our favourite foods are from. In our cooking session we made scones from the first country on our 'food tour', the UK. In week 2, we will be learning about traditional foods from Italy and will make pizzas in our Wednesday cooking session. In week 3, we will be 'crossing the pond' and heading to America to find out more about traditional American foods. In our cooking session planned for this we will make burgers from scratch and learn about raw food safety.

To continue the food theme we will be learning about traditional delicacies from Japan in week 4 and will have the opportunity to make Ramen in our cooking session. In week 5, we will be learning about Mexico and looking at some of their traditional dishes, our cooking session this week will feature Tacos. In week 6, we will finish our 'tour' around the world in China and will be making egg fried rice.

Our termly off-site physical activity is also changing this half term, and we will now be participating in weekly tennis lessons at Ebbisham Sports Centre on Mondays. Please can we ask that you provide your young person with a **named** sports bag with trainers and tracksuit bottoms if these are not already in school.

We have an exciting change to our science curriculum this half term and will be starting White Rose science lessons. Our focus is biology and some of Monarch Class will be learning about plants whilst others will be learning about fossils and soils. In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be focusing on our next topic 'Dreams and Goals'. Over the coming weeks we will cover themes such as facing new learning challenges, finding motivation and recognising obstacles. Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl scheme of work, 'Online Safety'. Some of our pupils will be learning about online safety in the context of exploring email, online communications, cyberbullying and how to be safe and responsible online, whilst others will be covering areas such as safe use of technology, acceptable/unacceptable behaviour and identify ways to report concerns about content and contact.

For our World Views focus for this half term, we will be following the unit 'How did Jesus Change Lives?' and how is it 'Good News'? We will also be learning about some of Jesus' accomplishments and about the gospel.

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 'Developing Positive Relationships'. Each week we will be looking into what a positive relationship is, how we can maintain them and what to do if a relationship breaks down. We will incorporate PSHE, English and technology to explore how to form, build and maintain positive relationships both inside and outside of the school environment.

This term our physical activity is swimming. We will visit Dorking Leisure Centre on Tuesdays with Peacock Class. This will give learners the opportunity for wider social interactions throughout the term as well as develop the classes confidence and ability in the swimming pool. Please could we ask that you send in a **named** swimming kit for these sessions.

During our outdoor learning lessons we will be playing outdoor games. This will build up to learners gaining a preference of which sport they would like to develop for them to work on in more depth later in the year. Admiral Class will also help to rebuild the sensory path in the school grounds.

In our art/making sessions we will start to make a collaborative mural showing different ways people can display their friendship. We will also think about ways we can show that all people are different, that we have different abilities different likes and dislikes, that we all come from different places and have different cultures and ethnicities. This reinforces that everyone has something to offer, that diversity enriches our lives, and it also considers what all human beings have in common, that there is more that unites us than divides us.

For community visits this term we will be continuing to visit places such as libraries, garden centres and supermarkets to continue to develop confidence when in new and unfamiliar environments and further develop our social skills. This term we will place a focus on money and being able to pick and pay for items independently in a supermarket or shop.

In English we will be writing about topics linked to New Year including resolutions and developing friendships. Our English sessions will also provide a link to our topics, and we will complete a reflection each week to continue developing our spoken language skills.

In Maths we are continuing with the White Rose scheme of work, starting a new unit using multiplication and division, and 'Alive in 5' for our Kaleidoscope group.

In our ICT sessions we will looking into online safety, how to keep ourselves safe and what to do if a tricky situation occurs.

Gavin

EMPEROR CLASS



This term in Emperor Class, our topic is 'Building Links to the Future'. This topic provides an exciting opportunity to explore what life after Papillon House School might look like for our students and how they can prepare for their next chapter. As part of this, the students will participate in a variety of work experience activities, including car washing, volunteering in a charity shop, or assisting our school caterers in the kitchen. Through these hands-on experiences, students will develop valuable skills that will help them become more independent and better equipped for the future.

In PSHE, our focus will be on 'Dreams and Goals'. This topic encourages students to think about their aspirations for the future and explore what they need to achieve them. Students will reflect on their strengths and interests, helping them to understand how they can work towards their goals.

In Maths this term, our focus will be on money. We'll be covering a wide range of topics related to managing money, starting with recognising different coins and notes and understanding their values. Students will practice adding amounts of money, finding totals, and calculating change, which are all essential skills for everyday life.

In Science, we will be exploring the topic of 'States of Matter'. Students will learn about the three primary states - solids, liquids, and gases - by investigating their properties and how they behave in different conditions. We'll begin by looking at the characteristics that make each state unique, such as the arrangement of particles in solids, liquids, and gases, and how this affects their shape and volume. As part of this topic, students will engage in hands-on experiments to observe how matter changes from one state to another. This will include activities like melting ice to explore the transition from solid to liquid, or heating water to see how it turns to steam, and demonstrating the change from liquid to gas.

For Physical Development, the students will have the exciting opportunity to travel to The David Weir Centre once a week to attend gym sessions. At the centre, they will have access to a variety of exercise equipment, allowing them to explore different forms of physical activity and fitness training. The students will learn how to safely use gym equipment to improve their physical health and build strength. This has proven to be a very popular outing in the past so I'm confident that Emperor Class will enjoy their time there this term. They will also participate in weekly PE sessions which this term has the focus of learning badminton skills.

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead in Emperor Class!

Mary