



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - Friday 7th March 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We celebrated World Book Day yesterday in true 'Papillon style' and had a fun day full of lots of activities! It was great to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book character. Caterpillar and Meadow classes learnt about the American author Eric Carle whilst Peacock and Swallowtail focused on Dr Seuss. Our Secondary classes looked at books by Tom Fletcher and some secondary pupils took time out of class to visit Primary to read and share some stories with them. It was lovely to have the opportunity to celebrate our love of reading at Papillon and share some of our favourite books. Please enjoy looking at the pictures below of some of the wonderful outfits!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class enjoyed a visit to Banstead Library on Tuesday where they played on the magic table. They enjoyed playing the different games and enjoyed looking at the books. We also enjoyed a trip to Poundland and to Redhill Memorial Park. In our making session, Caterpillar Class were able to choose to make a lion or a frog, and in Science they enjoyed exploring through water play. It was lovely to see their World Book Day costumes and they all wore them to our special assembly. For cooking the children enjoyed decorating some yummy pancakes!

Meadow Class enjoyed making pancakes with a variety of toppings including whipped cream, chocolate sauce, golden syrup and marshmallows. On Tuesday, we visited Banstead Library and enjoyed using the sensory table, and spent time reading the books in the children's section. In music, the children are beginning to be able to locate the keys 'D, C and E' on the piano/keyboard. In Art, pupils have been working hard developing their sewing skills by making glove puppets with Keith, linked to our topic of 'Toys and Puppets'. We had some wonderful costumes on display on World Book Day, thank you and well done to all our children for their efforts dressing up! During the week we have been reading *The Hungry Caterpillar* and completing work around this story.

Peacock Class have had a good week celebrating World Book Week. We have been looking at Dr Seuss, particularly *Cat In The Hat*. In English we listened to the story and then we had a comprehension worksheet to answer some questions about the story. Peacock Class enjoyed a trip to Banstead Library on Wednesday to use the interactive table, and to look at different books. In cooking we made pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day which we enjoyed tasting. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day with a visit from a student in Admiral Class who came and read us the story of 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children all listened well and followed all the actions! We were also lucky enough to have a visit from a Monarch Class TSA who came to read to us as well!

Reminders & Requests

Letters and sponsorship forms came home this week outlining our exciting plans that we have for our **Comic Relief Red Nose Day** on Friday 21st March. Please see the attached letter and form for information.

Thank you to those who have returned the **cinema consent form** and payment. Please could these be returned to us by next Friday, 14th March if you have yet to do so. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Making pancakes!

Photo Gallery

Swallowtail Class continued their learning on 'Scouting' this week as well as carrying out some Pancake Day and World Book Day activities. The class cooked pancakes on Monday with John, and all of the children had a great time doing so. Additionally, some of the class made their own hats from the story 'The Cat in the Hat' for their focus author of Dr Seuss this week and the class went on a trip to Banstead Library to look for Dr Seuss books and visit the 'magic table'. Lastly, Bailey made an incredible (and waterproof) shelter in the school grounds, which links to our termly topic of 'Scouting'.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class children enjoyed our topic session on Monday, learning about the Spring/New Year celebration Nowruz. On Tuesday, the children did some fantastic phonics work and we introduced our new PSHE focus, Healthy Me! On Wednesday, the children enjoyed making rice salad in our cooking session and had a party to celebrate Chris' birthday. On Thursday, we all had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day. We read some of our story, 'Space Band' by Tom Fletcher and enjoyed listening to the songs written for the book. Today, the children did some lovely maths work and enjoyed our flower themed attention circle!

Admiral Class have enjoyed World Book Day. We have been reading Tom Fletcher's 'Danger Gang' and 'Theres a Dragon in Your Book'. We also enjoyed reading to another class and completing fact finding activities about Tom Fletcher. Some learners enjoyed a trip to Chessington Garden Centre to buy seeds for spring. In our maths lesson we have been learning about millimetres and attempting to balance items using a balance scale.

Emperor Class have had loads of fun in class this week. We had our usual Monday trip to the gym which was enjoyed by all. On Tuesday, the students made some delicious pancakes with various toppings. We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and it was great to see so many brilliant costumes. Yara was very happy to receive a certificate for best costume...well done Yara! Café went well with the students getting busy making bangers and mash, chocolate chip cookies and chocolate rice crispy cakes!

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Jaxson for "listening carefully to the story 'Dear Zoo' and completing activities related to the book."
- Meadow** Aidan for "great work in English and maths."
- Peacock** Mia for "engaging well in maths this week."
- Swallowtail** Aiden for "having a brilliant week, being very helpful, and reading to Caterpillar Class."



Making pancakes!



Book Day class activities



Enjoying a story



Marking World Book Day!



The café has been busy!



Birthdays

There were no Primary birthdays this week.



Therapy

Well done to Yara for working really hard in her first individual OT session this week!

Clara Boxall, Occupational Therapy Assistant

World Book Day Awards



Well done to the following four pupils who were winners of the best World Book Day costume:-

Yara (*Emperor Class*) who came as Mario

Tegan (*Monarch Class*) who came as Stitch

LJ (*Peacock Class*) who came as a Minion

Aidan (*Meadow Class*) who came as Stick Man

Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place during the Spring Term 2 2025. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is 'International Women's Day'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	12th March	All day	Admiral, Monarch and Swallowtail visit to Sayers Croft
Friday	21st March	All day	Comic Relief Red Nose Mufti Day
Wednesday	26th March	am	Primary cinema trip
Wednesday	2nd April	am	Secondary cinema trip
Friday	4th April		Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny
Friday	4th April	2pm	Spring Term Ends
Tuesday	22nd April	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday	30th April	pm	Secondary Transition Fair
Friday	23rd May	3pm	End of half term

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"I'm having a really good
World Book Day!"**

Yara—Emperor Class

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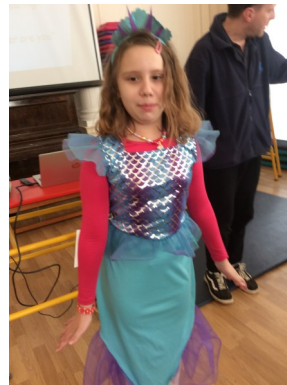
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WORLD BOOK DAY



CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is 'Tell Me an Animal Story'. The children will have the opportunity to explore different animal stories and participate in attention circles linked to the topic. The children will learn new topical vocabulary, which will include the appropriate Makaton sign.

Our Science topic is 'let it flow'. The children will be enjoying water play and will complete different activities that involve water. They will enjoy exploring the terms 'floating and sinking' and will participate in transporting water from one container to another. We will support their learning through attention circles and games.

In English we will be focusing on the stories of 'Dear Zoo', 'Owl Babies' and 'That's Not My Chick'. The children will complete different activities and participate in attention circles linked to the books. The children will be split into two groups for phonics. One group will be playing listening games and the other group will be focussing on individual sounds.

In Maths, the children will be in two groups. One group will be focusing on number rhymes and participating in attention circles related to the numbers 1 – 5, whilst the other group will be focusing on the numbers 1 – 10, completing activities using the online app Maths Seeds.

During our Making sessions, the children will be exploring different tools and techniques to make animals, and will work together to make art for our class display. They will have weekly cooking sessions and explore different foods. We will make sandwiches, pizzas, pancakes and cheese straws this term.

The children will continue horse riding this half term. However, for our first few sessions we will be visiting play parks because the horses are poorly. On a Tuesday afternoon, we will be visiting the library, woodlands, The Pound Shop and supermarkets.

This term we are going to start introducing personal care. This will involve the children brushing their teeth and hair. Please can you send in a toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel and hairbrush for your child to use at school. **They need to be in a bag and clearly named.**

It's going to be a lovely half term.

Lauren

MEADOW CLASS



Our **topic** this half term is **Toys and Puppets!** We will be learning about all sorts of different toys and discussing our favourites. In topic sessions we will be learning about toys from the past and how they have changed from our grandparents' generation to now. We will be learning about different types of toys and how they are made. Meadow Class will be looking at examples of toys - historic and modern.

In our **off-site activities** the children will be accessing the local community shops, parks and some spring walks. In **World Views** we will be discussing the theme 'what makes something special?' and discovering what is special to us, as well as what is special to some Christians.

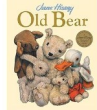
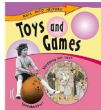
Off-site physical activity

This term our off-site activity is cycling. We are looking forward to some sessions in the sunshine, building on our skills from last term.

Literacy

Meadow Class will be taking part in phonics sessions twice a week focussing on CVCC and CCVC words such as 'land' 'jump' 'tuft' and 'from' 'stop' 'swim', and using them in sentences (Twinkl phonics level 3). We will continue to practise learnt sounds.

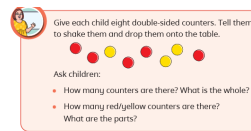
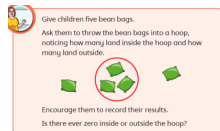
During our Topic of 'Toys' our English lessons will be based around 3 key texts:



'Lost Toy Museum' is about an old toy cat that explores a museum at night, finding toys that have run off to hide. Meadow Class will use the book 'Toys and Games' to discover facts about toys and the history of them. 'Old Bear' tells the classic tale of how a much-loved teddy bear is lost and finally found again.

Maths

Meadow Class have continued to enjoy the White Rose Scheme of Learning and the accompanying resources. This term we will be working on addition and subtraction. Please see some ideas below.



PSHE and ICT:

For **Personal, Social and Health Education**, Meadow Class will focus on the fourth Jigsaw Puzzle piece, 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning about how to keep our bodies healthy and what our bodies need to work well. Meadow Class will also be learning about the importance of sleep, hygiene and being cautious around strangers.

Our **Computing** sessions will be based around 'Scratch Junior', a coding programme for beginners. Pupils will use the app to programme toy icons to move around the screen. This is a free app that can also be downloaded at home.

Creative Development

Children will be using a range of materials and art processes to create images and models of toys and puppets. These will include glove puppets, clown pictures, peg cars and wooden spoon puppets. We will also be exploring the keyboard and hopefully learning some basic skills.

Science

In science, Meadow Class will continue with their learning on animals using the White Rose scheme of work. We will be learning about the different categories of animals and herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. 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 Gymnastics lessons in PE with Charlene on Friday afternoons.

We look forward to a fun half-term!

The Meadow Class Team

PEACOCK CLASS



Our **topic** this half term is **Wild Animals!** We will be discovering all sorts of different wild animals! In topic sessions we will be learning about jungle, safari and British wild animals. Peacock Class will discover what types of animals live in each setting and what features they have.

In our **off-site activities** the children will be accessing the local community shops, parks and some spring walks. In **World Views** we will be discussing the theme 'What do Christians Learn from the Stories of Jesus?' and looking at some well-known Bible stories.

Off-site physical activity

This term our off- site activity is swimming. We are looking forward to some more sessions building on our skills from last term! Please remember swimming kits on Tuesdays!

Literacy

Peacock Class will be taking part in phonics sessions three times a week where we will be learning new sounds and alternative graphemes. We will continue to use our 'Rhino Readers' reading scheme and enjoy time in the library.

During our topic of wild animals our English lessons will be based around 3 key texts:



'The Tiger who Came to Tea' is a tale about a wild tiger visiting a little girl at teatime and eating everything it could! '1,2,3 to the Zoo' is a counting book we will use to support our learning in Maths. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about British wild animals using the 'Percy the Park Keeper' series.

Maths

Peacock Class have continued to enjoy the White Rose Scheme of Learning and the accompanying resources. This term we will be working on addition and subtraction. Please see some ideas below to support learning at home:

Show children how to play snakes and ladders.

Encourage them to count on using the numbers on the board. For example, if they start on 13 and roll a 4, they count "14, 15, 16, 17".

Provide pots labelled with numbers 1-20 and a selection of natural objects.

Ask children to count the correct number of items into each pot.

Can they find 2 pots that have 20 items in total?

Is there more than one way to do it?

Ask children to draw what they have found.

PSHE and ICT:

For **Personal, Social and Health Education**, Peacock Class will focus on the fourth Jigsaw Puzzle piece, Healthy Me. We will be learning about how to keep our bodies healthy and what our bodies need to work well. Peacock Class will also be learning about medicines and how to store and take these safely, keeping safe, and the role of emergency services. Our **ICT** coding sessions will be based around 'Preparing for Turtle'. Children will be giving and following instructions and starting to input these into the computer.

Creative Development

Children will be using a range of materials and art processes to create images and models of wild animals. We will make wild animal masks and clay hedgehogs as well as collage foxes and bouncing bunnies!

Science

In Science, Peacock Class will continue with their learning on animals and their habitats using the White Rose scheme of work. We will be learning about the different types of places wild animals live and how they survive.

Some children in Peacock Class will continue to see Anusha for their **Akademi dance** and learn how to express themselves through movement, as well as Gymnastics lessons in PE with Charlene on Friday afternoons. In music we will be learning about rhythm and beat.

We look forward to a fun half- term!

The Peacock Class Team

SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



This half term our topic is ‘Scouting’ where we will be focusing on the different types of scouting groups in the UK as well as the activities they take part in, camping, and learning outdoors! During the first week, we will introduce the topic of ‘Scouting’ and I will be bringing in my old scouting uniforms for the children to identify badges and guess which ones link to certain activities/achievements. In the second week, we will be focusing on Pancake Day and World Book Day, discussing the reasons around why Pancake Day is celebrated with our friends and adults, and taking part in pancake-based lessons such as cooking pancakes and taking part in some special Pancake Day attention circles.

We will be continuing to visit St George’s track for **cycling** sessions on Thursday mornings as well as Epsom **Tennis** Centre for tennis with Callum on a Monday. We are also continuing to go on community visits on Wednesday afternoons to visit places which relate to our topic of ‘Scouting’. In the third week, we will continue learning about different types of Scouting and where it originated from – Brownsea Island. Swallowtail Class also have the exciting opportunity to visit Sayers Croft Outdoor Learning centre in March with some of the secondary children, which will work alongside their learning of ‘Scouting’. In the fourth week, we will be looking at the local scouting groups near us, and researching about Cubs, Beavers, Scouts as well as Girl Guiding that we can find in our local areas. We will also be discussing the impact of weather on camping throughout the third and fourth weeks. The class will be thinking about habitats for different animals and how they adapt to varying climates in **Science** sessions throughout this half term. Moreover, in the fifth and final week of term, we will be learning about the Easter story and celebrating everything that relates to the spring festival. During this week, we will be looking at the Easter story in depth as well as carry out some fun and crafty Easter activities as well as the Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny!

Additionally, later in the month, Swallowtail Class will have the chance to visit Sutton Omniplex cinema to see a film with their primary friends.

In our **Maths** lessons, Swallowtail Class will continue to work through the White Rose scheme. In their **English** sessions, some children are continuing with some reading sessions in 1:1 groups as well as continuing to better their writing through using tricky words and continuing to use full stops and capital letters in the appropriate places. Additionally, other children will be focusing on using eye gaze and expression with their partners. We will also be continuing 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 taking part in gymnastics sessions with Charlene. Some will continue to develop their badminton skills, following a really successful term of badminton last half-term. Some children will be continuing with their **Akademi dance** sessions that they are always very exciting to join with Anusha on a Wednesday! 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 “Healthy Me”. Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions with John on a Monday, including pancakes and some camp-based delicacies too! Lastly, Swallowtail Class will be looking forward to continuing our learning in **World Views**, where the focus will be the Easter story.

MONARCH



This half term our **topic** is '**Spring Celebrations Around the World**'. Last week, we introduced our spring topic, learnt a bit about the season and what we might see at this time of year. This week (week 2), we have learned about a popular spring celebration, Nowruz, and some of the ways they celebrate this special period, as well as the foods they enjoy to celebrate new life and a new start. In week 3, we will learn about Songkran, a water festival celebrated in Thailand, marking the start of their traditional New Year. In week 4, we will be learning about Holi, a popular Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring. In week 5, we will learn about the Egyptian festival, Sham El-Nessim, a celebration marking the beginning of spring and the start of the agricultural season. In week 6, we will learn about the Christian celebration of Easter, how and why this is celebrated both in England and across the world. There will be lots of fun events happening this week such as the Easter Bunny hunt.

This half term, we will be continuing our weekly **tennis** lessons at Ebbisham Sports Centre on Mondays. If we could please ask you to continue to provide your young person with a **named** sports bag with trainers and tracksuit bottoms (if these are not kept in school), that would be very helpful. We also look forward to some fabulous community visit opportunities, including a trip to Sayers Croft next Wednesday and a trip to the cinema later this term.

In our **Science** sessions this half term we will be following the White Rose scheme of work looking at living things and their habitats. We will be learning about different groups of animals and what they need to be able to survive in different habitats. Some of Monarch Class will be learning about light and its properties as well as conducting a number of investigations in to how light travels.

In our Jigsaw **PSHE** sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Healthy Me'. Over the coming weeks we will cover themes such as what we need to eat to have a healthy diet, the importance of taking care of our emotional wellbeing and how we can take responsibility for our health.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work, 'Programming Turtle Logo and Scratch'. We will be designing and writing programmes to achieve specific goals and help solve problems.

For our **World Views** focus this half term, we will be following the unit 'What do Sikhs Value'? We will explore the key beliefs of Sikhi, in particular, the importance of equality. Through our sessions, we will gain a general insight into what many Sikhs value and how they express this through their community life, their commitment to pray, work and give, and the wearing of all or some of the 5Ks.

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



Our **topic** this half term is focused on '**Famous People and Me**'. We will incorporate literacy and technology to explore different famous people. We will also be looking into what we have in common with famous people. We will begin by exploring famous people and discussing who we as a class would like to research each week, we will then take a deep dive, learning facts about different famous people, the reasons why they are famous, and how this may affect us and our views.

Admiral Class will be taking part in gymnastics as our focus in **P.E** this half term. We will also be continuing with **swimming** at the Dorking Leisure Centre. This half term we will be building on our stamina and completing more widths.

During **Literacy**, Admiral Class will be completing a phonics lesson each week and completing different fine motor tasks to support with their writing. We will be starting a class book and continue to take turns in group reading sessions. Our Literacy sessions will also provide a link to our topic, and we will complete reflection work each week to continue developing our spoken language skills.

In **Maths**, we will be focussing on length and perimeter. By the end of this half term, students will be able to measure, compare, and calculate the length and perimeter of various shapes using appropriate units and formulas, and apply this knowledge to real-world problem-solving scenarios.

Within **Science**, we will be focusing on Chemistry. In these lessons we will be learning about soil and the importance of it. We will be exploring different types of soil, what properties it holds and how it changes depending on its location.

This half term we will be enjoying a variety of **community visits** including our Sayers Croft activity day, Mercedes Benz World and the cinema. We will also be visiting Dorking Library to look at the books they have on offer along with visits to garden centres and supermarkets to buy our cooking ingredients.

We look forward to a fun and busy half term, if you have any questions please do contact me.

Thank you.

Gavin

EMPEROR CLASS



This half term, our class **topic** is ‘**Nurturing Nature**’. We are looking forward to spending plenty of time outdoors, especially in our **horticulture** sessions in the school garden, where we’ll be working hard to maintain it and ensure it remains a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy as the warmer months arrive. This hands-on project will also tie into our **Science**, biology lessons, where we will explore the fascinating world of plant life, as well as the diverse range of living creatures and their habitats.

Our **PSHE** lessons will focus on health. This term, we will learn valuable skills to help us maintain both physical and mental well-being, while also gaining a deeper understanding of how our incredible brains work.

We will continue to focus on preparing for adulthood and life beyond Papillon House School. To help with this, Emperor Class students will take on **work experience** roles within the school and in the community, including opportunities at charity shops and nurseries. These experiences will help them develop key **vocational skills** and understand the world of work better. Additionally, students will work on creating CVs, identifying current skills, and setting goals for skills they wish to develop further. To further prepare, we will role-play job interviews to help build confidence for real-world scenarios.

Our focus in **Maths** this half term will be on strengthening and developing multiplication and division skills. The students will deepen their knowledge of times tables and learn how to apply them in real-world scenarios.

We have been enjoying our weekly trips to David Weir **gym** this term, and the fun will continue until Easter, giving us even more opportunities to stay active and healthy. Our **Enterprise** projects continue and the popular Thursday café, will also continue, with bangers and mash with onion gravy on the menu.

We are excited for everything we have planned over the next few weeks as we approach Easter, and we can’t wait to take full advantage of the warmer weather by spending as much time outdoors as possible.

Mary and the Emperor team