



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1- Friday 25th April 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was great to welcome everybody back to Papillon this week and I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been a busy start to the term and classes have been settling back into Papillon life with new Summer topics underway and community visits resumed. Monarch and Admiral Classes enjoyed their first cycling session this week with Peacock and Meadow Classes due to start tennis next week. A full overview of this half-terms topics and off-site activities are at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** have had a lovely first week back. We read *The Hungry Caterpillar* and looked at the props whilst the story was being told. They children enjoyed a trip to Leigh Park and then went to Knights Garden Centre. In Science, the children explored magnets, looking at what happens when the magnets were near different objects. They made a giant caterpillar for our display board and painted some beautiful butterflies.

**Meadow Class** enjoyed a visit to Leigh Park with Caterpillar Class this week, where the children took advantage of the large space to run around in. On Wednesday, we visited Knights Garden Centre and enjoyed sitting in the outside café tasting a variety of cakes. In English, we read the story, 'Bunnies in the Jam' and we constructed Victoria Sponge cakes in cooking. In art, we created blackberries using printing techniques. In Maths, we have been learning how to represent numbers in different ways, beginning to learn about the part-whole model and in Science we have been learning about what is 'harmful' and what is 'helpful' when looking after our environment. The children have had the opportunity to play a variety of percussion instruments in music and finally, we had Izzy's birthday celebration!

**Peacock Class** enjoyed listening to the story 'Superworm' in English this week and have come up with some describing words about him. In Maths we have been using addition and subtraction fact families. We enjoyed a trip to Denbies on Tuesday where we went for a minibeast hunt. On Thursday we visited Memorial Park in Redhill and had lots of fun playing on the swings! We had fun making butterfly cakes in cooking too!

## Class Topics - Summer Term 1

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

**Caterpillar Class** – Food Glorious Food!

**Meadow Class** – Our Favourite Foods

**Peacock Class** – Minibeasts

**Swallowtail Class** – Transport

**Monarch Class** – Eco Warriors

**Admiral Class** – My Place in My Local Community

**Emperor Class** – DIY Skills

## Reminders & Requests

Secondary pupils brought home a letter this week outlining the details of our Preparation for Adulthood event next Wednesday, 30th April. Please could the response slip be returned to us on Monday confirming if you are attending.

Thank you to those who have returned the slips confirming that you have received and read the RSE policy. Please can these be returned to us if you have yet to do so. Thank you.

## Photo Gallery



Making butterflies



Fun in the park

Exploring in music



Knights Garden Centre Café



Park fun



Butterfly cakes

**Swallowtail Class** have started looking at types of transport that they already know about such as trains, buses and hot air balloons. Additionally, the class really enjoyed a trip to Denbies on Tuesday to watch the trains drive by towards Dorking train station. Aiden was able to capture three trains on the iPad camera – well done! Swallowtail Class visited Priory Park on Wednesday for a game of football and visited Redhill Memorial Park on Thursday with Peacock Class to use the play area. Lastly, the class have enjoyed celebrating Dan’s birthday in class on Friday too.

## Photo Gallery



*Having fun in the sunshine!*



## Secondary Department News

**Monarch Class** celebrated Tasha’s birthday this week and the children all made a lovely card and enjoyed cake and a party. Monarch Class started their cycling sessions this week and did very well following instructions on the bikes. We have been following the White Rose Maths Scheme focusing on grouping and recognising numbers up to 20. The pupils started our topic work on ‘eco-warriors’ and have begun making paper mâché to create our own paper which we will be using for our display board. We have also started to look at word processing as part of our ICT work.



*Birthday celebrations*



*Class work*

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed hearing what everyone has been doing in their Easter holidays. This week Admiral Class started our new topic of ‘My Place in my Local Community’. We have had group discussions about the local shops in our communities and how everyone’s community is different. We started our new off-site physical activity, and we will be cycling every Thursday morning. For our first week back we made fruit salad using pineapple, strawberries and mango. Some of the pupils have also been looking after the sunflowers that we planted in the spring which continue to grow well.



*Admiral enjoying their first cycling session*



**Emperor Class** have had a fantastic start to the Summer term! We jumped straight into our new topic, DIY Skills by painting both the garden fence and the shed. The students did a great job making them look much smarter! We all enjoyed the first volleyball lesson of the term and we had two very enjoyable trips - one to the swimming pool and one to the garden centre. For cafe this week we served up some delicious chicken tacos to staff followed by sticky toffee pudding which went down very well.

*DIY skills on site*



*Swimming session*



## Birthdays

## Stars of the Week

### Our “Stars” this week are:

- Caterpillar** Logan for “joining in and engaging with The Hungry Caterpillar, helping to say the numbers in the story.”
- Meadow** Cruz for “excellent listening and turn-taking skills in music. ”
- Peacock** Joseph for “ joining in so well in Science learning about minibeast habitats.”
- Swallowtail** Zachary for “having a positive week and being very grown-up during all of our trips this week.”

- Izzy** (TSA in Meadow Class) celebrated her birthday and received a colouring book and pens, chocolates and a diamond art kit.
- Dan** (SNA in Swallowtail Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received some socks, adult beverages, a hot drinks tumbler and a gift card.
- Tasha** (TSA in Monarch Class) celebrated her birthday and received a box of herbal tea and a glass infusion tea pot.

## Therapy

Well done to LJ and Kuba for a lovely, relaxed, paired session exploring sensory and construction activities within a shared outdoor space. Both boys enjoyed their time on the lower lawn. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist and Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist.*

This term Caterpillar Class will be beginning food exploration sessions with the therapy team. The team look forward to the sessions, working towards broadening the range of foods that the children will accept within their space and discovering different smells, textures and eventually tastes.

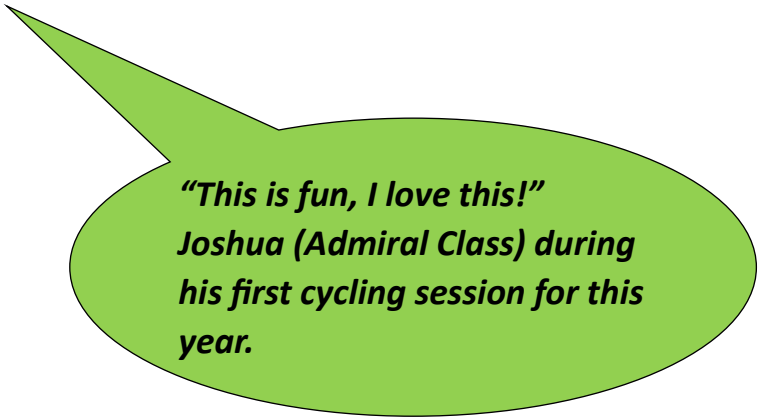
## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is 'Jigsaw Launch-Relationships'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	30th April	1.45pm	Secondary Transition Fair
Monday	5th May		Bank Holiday—school closed
Monday	12th May	am	NHS Immunisation Team in for Year 8's
Wednesday	21st May	All day	Whole school trip to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	23rd May	3pm	End of half term
Monday	9th June	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 2—'My Money Week'
Monday	23rd June		Class and whole school photos
Monday	30th June	pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	2nd July	pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	7th July	pm	Parents' Evening
Monday	21st July	5-7.30pm	Family BBQ

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



***"This is fun, I love this!"  
Joshua (Admiral Class) during  
his first cycling session for this  
year.***

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## CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is '**Food Glorious Food!**' The children will have the opportunity to participate in attention circles and games linked to the topic. Our book focuses will be 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'Kitchen Disco' and 'Handa's Surprise'. The children will learn new topical vocabulary, which will include the appropriate Makaton sign.

Our **Science** topic is '**Pushes and Pulls**'. The children will explore different objects with magnets and will observe objects that roll. They will also be given opportunities to investigate cause and effect toys.

In **English** we will focus on our chosen stories. We will read the books regularly and use the story sacks with props to tell the story. The children will go to the library once a week to look at the books and enjoy listening to different stories. We will be encouraging the children to look at the pictures and we will talk about what we can see. In **Phonics**, one group will be playing listening games, and the other group will be focussing on the individual sounds i, n, m and d.

In **Maths**, the children will be in two groups. One group will be focussing on number rhymes and participating in attention circles related to the numbers 3 – 6. The other group will be focussing on circles and triangles. They will learn about the shapes and be encouraged to make pictures using the shapes.

During our **Making** sessions the children will be exploring colours and textures, and will use different techniques to make masterpieces. We will make The Hungry Caterpillar, a beautiful butterfly, and fruit & vegetables. Caterpillar Class really enjoy our cooking sessions, and we look forward to continuing these. They will be making caterpillar fruit kebabs, mini pizzas and cheese twists.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May the children will start **swimming**. Please make sure they have their swimsuits and a towel every Tuesday in a named bag. We will build their confidence in the water by singing songs and playing games. We will also learn to move in different ways in the water.

It's going to be a lovely half term.

Lauren

## MEADOW CLASS



Our **topic** this half term is '**Our Favourite Foods.**' Our learning will be based around this theme and subjects will be linked where possible. We will be learning about: Our Favourite Foods; Healthy Foods; Summer Picnics; Where Chocolate Comes from; Baked Beans! and Foods from around the World and other Cultures, including Poland and Italy.

**In English, we will be focussed on the following texts:**

### **The Bunnies in the Jam by Lucie Dermine**

An enchanting book about bunnies picking blackberries, strawberries and cherries for Mrs Mole to make jam, but when she falls asleep, the little bunnies are tempted to eat the pots of jam!



### **A Picnic by The European Language Institute**

A story about a traditional picnic and foods: cakes, strawberries, sandwiches, jellies ...



### **A story about Baked Beans from The Literacy Shed**

Geoff has a curious and unshakeable love for beans! It is only fitting then, that when Geoff grows up, he gets a job at the Heinz baked beans factory. A story about baked beans, how they are made and packaged.



### **Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French**

Do you like chips? Oliver does. In fact, he won't eat anything else – until he plays a game with his grandpa. Whatever vegetable Oliver finds in the garden, he must eat. On Monday, he pulls up carrots, on Tuesday, it is spinach . . . a great story introducing a range of vegetables to the children.



The children will be developing their **reading (decoding and comprehension) and writing (handwriting and compositional) skills** with activities such as: matching pictures and sentences within the texts; labelling pictures from the stories with new vocabulary; understanding characters' feelings at different times in the stories; writing speech bubbles for different characters; completing cloze procedures: creating their own picnics; character descriptions; sequencing of key events in a story and writing out recipe cards.

Meadow Class will continue to follow the **Twinkl Phonics Scheme**, currently working on Level 3 and Level 2. They will be practising to blend and segment words and learn the tricky words 'by sight'. The children will be reading books from 'Rhino Readers' which are books matched to the level they are working on in the phonics scheme.

**In Science**, Meadow Class will continue to follow **The White Rose Scheme** where the topics are: **Caring for the Planet and Seasonal Changes.**

- Why is it important to care for our planet?
- How can we care for our planet?
- Changes in spring

We will enhance this learning with short videos from **The Literacy Shed** which further explain the importance of looking after our environment, recycling and reusing. (**Black Hat and Girl with Yellow Bag**)

In **Maths**, we are continuing to follow **the White Rose Scheme** and will be focussing on **number, length, height and time**. We will be looking at doubling numbers, odd and even numbers and will be completing lots of practical activities for measurement. For **computing**, Meadow Class will be learning about word processing, including typing, different symbols used, saving work, the undo function and editing. In **Art/Making**, we will be using a range of mediums to create art around our topic of 'Our Favourite Foods'. These will include the use of oil pastels, paints, tissue paper crafts, potato printing and pasta art. Some of our sessions will be taken by **Keith** during **Art Therapy sessions**.

We will be making **picnic and summer foods** in **cooking**, including the construction of Victoria jam sponge cakes; berry fruit salads with jelly; vegetable crudities; cheese sandwiches; chocolate crisp cakes and pasta salad. **We also hope to enjoy a little picnic in the grounds of the school.** We will also try some Polish foods, including pierogi (filled dumplings) and Krowki (Polish fudge) In **Music**, we will be following **Charanga Music**. Our topic will be: **Anyone can play – Introducing Instruments.** The children will be experimenting with a range of instruments, including drums, rain makers/sticks and wind chimes.

We will be following the **Jigsaw Scheme of Work for PSHE** and our topic will be '**Relationships**' where the children will be learning about different types of family, making friends, falling out, bullying and being the best friends we can be. The children in Meadow Class will continue to see **Anusha** for their **Akademi Dance** and learn how to express themselves through movement, as well as **ball skills and volleyball** in **PE** with **Charlene** on Friday afternoons.

Our off-site activities this half term include **tennis on Monday mornings** and **swimming at Dorking pool on Tuesday mornings**. Our **off-site activities will be on Wednesday afternoons** and the children will have the opportunity to experience the local community shops, parks, garden centres and libraries.

We look forward to an exciting summer half term!

*From Klara and the Meadow Team.*

## PEACOCK CLASS



Our topic this half term in Peacock Class is **Minibeasts!**

We will be learning all about what a minibeast is, as well as the different types of minibeasts you might find and where different minibeasts might live.

During our **off-site visits**, we will go on some minibeast hunts trying to find as many as we can. We will be going to local supermarkets to buy our ingredients for cooking. We hope to also enjoy some time in the sunshine at local parks!

Our off-site physical activities this half term will be **tennis** and **horse riding**. Please ensure the children have named PE kits in school with them for tennis. For horse riding please ensure the children have jogging bottoms and wellies with them.

In **English** we will be having regular **Phonics** sessions to recap our sounds. We will be choosing individual books which use our phonics, to read with an adult each week. We will be reading lots of minibeast books including: 'Superworm', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird', 'The Big Bad Bug' and 'Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell'.

In **Maths** we will be continuing the White Rose Scheme. We will be finishing our learning about addition and subtraction within 20 then focusing on the place value of numbers from 0-50. We will be counting in groups of 10 and learning about the value of 10's and 1's within a number.

For **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)** our focus will be relationships. We will be thinking about relationships within our family and with our friends.

In **ICT** we will be learning digital painting skills and using the paint app on Windows as well as some apps on the iPad to use different brushes, colours and shapes.

The children in Peacock Class will continue to see **Anusha** for their **Akademi Dance** and learn how to express themselves through movement, as well as **ball skills and volleyball** in **PE** with **Charlene** on Friday afternoons.

We are looking forward to a fun filled half-term!

Natalie

## SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



This half term, Swallowtail's topic is '**Transport**' where we will be concentrating on the different types of transport in the UK and around the world! We will also focus on learning about some forms of transport you wouldn't normally use or know about such as sailing, Concorde and space travel. During the first week, we will introduce the topic of 'Transport' and gauge what types of transport the children already know about. We will also be returning to the RDA in Epsom for horse riding sessions on Thursday mornings this term as well as Walton-on-the-Hill football pitch and Priory park for football sessions on a Wednesday. We are also continuing to go on **community visits** on Tuesday afternoons to visit places which relate to our topic of 'Transport'.

In the second week, we will be learning about the forms of transport we can use to get to school as well as ones we would like to take to and from school. The class will be doing some writing on this in English and taking part in some special transport-themed attention circles. Then in the third week, we will continue learning about different types of transport and thinking of ones that we haven't used/been on. The class will have to use their imaginations to think of these as well as their knowledge of news articles from Newsround to think of examples, such as Katy Perry going into space in a rocket recently.

In the fourth week, we will be looking at local transport links near to us and researching about them using maps to work out a route to get from A to B using trains, buses, taxis and even planes that we can find in our local areas. We will also be discussing the impact of the overuse of transport in the environment throughout the third and fourth weeks. Moreover, in the fifth and final week of the half term, we will be using our knowledge and what we have learnt about transport to make decisions on our favourite types of transport and give reasons why. During this fifth and final week, the whole school will be visiting the miniature railway in Leatherhead and the class will love riding the trains! A great community visit that links with our topic of 'Transport'!

In our **Maths** lessons, Swallowtail Class will be continuing their work on number in their groups and they will be focusing on addition and subtraction or place value and counting to 5 as part of their numeracy work. In their English sessions, some children are continuing with some 1:1 reading sessions, as well as continuing to better their writing in our Phonics sessions using tricky words. Some will be focusing on the use of full stops, capital letters and speech marks in the appropriate places. Additionally, other children will be focusing on using eye gaze, expression with their partners as well as communicating with a peer to pass an object to one another.

For **PE** this term, Swallowtail Class will start taking part in sessions based around volleyball. Some children will be continuing with their Akademi Dance sessions that are always very exciting with Anusha on a Wednesday! The children will also be learning through 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 'Relationships'. Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in **cooking sessions** on a Monday, including cakes and some transport-based delicacies too!

In **Science**, the class will be focusing on physics and how light can generate and make shadows and silhouettes. Some of the children will be looking at how different instruments can make different sounds and whether they can identify an instrument just from hearing the sound. The children will love making some transport-based crafts in Making including trains, planes, engines and transport scenes for our display board in the classroom.

Lastly, Swallowtail Class will be looking forward to continuing our learning in **World Views** (where their focus will be Buddhism). Music, topic and attention circles this term which will be mostly based on our topic of 'Transport'.

## MONARCH CLASS



Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and had an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine.

This half-term our topic is '**Eco Warriors**'. We will be learning about famous climate activists and people that have championed change in favour of the climate. We will be learning about David Attenborough, Greta Thunberg and Chris Packham, thinking of ideas how to be eco warriors ourselves! Our **English** sessions will be based on the works of these famous climate activists and we will be studying books written about them. Using this information, pupils will create posters and information leaflets outlining ideas on how to be eco-friendly, educating others and raising awareness. Our topic will start with Earth Day and related activities, and we will also be learning about RSPCA week later in the week. The topic board will be looking at the school and sustainability, what can we reuse or recycle rather than throw away.

In **numeracy** we will be finishing off our learning on place value before moving onto addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Some will be learning about length and perimeter.

Our **science** will fit in well with our topic as we continue the White Rose Scheme on 'Living Things and their Habitats' as part of a biology scheme of work. We will be looking at habitats locally and around the world.

For our **creative sessions** we will be focussing on upcycling- turning old objects into something new and useful. We will also be creating art out of recycling including a map of the world made from bottle tops and a seed bomb from scrap paper.

In **ICT** we will be completing individual projects based on tables, research and spreadsheets as well as continuing with word processing skills.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at roles and responsibilities within our families, friendships, keeping ourselves safe online and global citizens.

**Worldviews** this term is a thematic unit- 'Is giving better than receiving?', looking at key teachings from main world religions as well as personal views which I'm sure will lead to some interesting discussions!

In **cooking** we will be making different kinds of quiche, and building on our skills to eventually making our own pastry.

We will be keeping active this term with **cycling** which will be happening weekly, and in **PE** the focus will be on volleyball. Some of the pupils will be continuing with dance.

For **outdoor learning**, we are looking at animal care, including how to look after the school chickens. We are looking forward to having some baby chicks this term in school which we will help care for.

We are all looking forward to a fun filled term, with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning in the sunshine!

Nikki, Tasha and the Monarch Team

## ADMIRAL CLASS



Our topic this half term is focused on '**Me and my Local Community.**' We will incorporate PSHE, literacy, community visits and technology to explore what a community is, what a community includes, and how we as individuals fit into our local environment. We will begin by exploring what a community is and gathering a basis of our knowledge of what might be included within a community. Each week we will be researching a different part of the community from roles/ jobs and how different people work together to make a community. We hope to embed this knowledge through community visits to explore each role in more depth.

Admiral Class will be **cycling** every Thursday this term. We will be building on our fitness levels each week and extending the number of laps that we are able to complete. We will also be learning why we need to wear a helmet and the importance of being safe when using the equipment and being aware of other users.

During **Literacy**, Admiral Class will be completing a Phonics lesson each week, linked to sounds and letters at our targeted levels. This half term we will start reading a new class book. We will vote from a selection and the book with most votes will be the class book for this half term. We will also be completing handwriting sessions and story writing to improve our pencil control. We will be continuing to work towards our individual Phonic level. Our literacy sessions will also provide a link to our topic. We will be continuing to reflect on our week in reflection, also incorporating our ICT skills by selecting a photo and transferring it to a word document.

During **maths**, we will be continuing to work from the White Rose Scheme. This half term some learners will be continuing with length and perimeter. Within this unit we will be learning about measure in metres, centimetres and millimetres. We will also be looking at equivalent lengths (metres and centimetres, centimetres and millimetres) comparing lengths using these different measurements.

Within **Science**, we will be focussing on Physics, looking into friction. We will be carrying out science experiments to discover what can move across different types of surfaces depending on what it is made from and its textures. We will be carrying out investigations by using magnets to discover items that are magnetic and items that are not.

The theme of our **PE** sessions this half term will be looking at pulling the skills we have learnt in other terms to explore playing different team games. This half term will be starting to play volleyball and learning the rules of the game.

In **Jigsaw** we are learning about relationships and how people have different relationships. Some of the units that we are covering are qualities of healthier relationships, changing supportive relationships and getting on and falling out.

Finally, in **cooking** we will be creating a range of summer inspired dishes that relate to fruit and improving our fine motor skills.

Gavin

## EMPEROR CLASS



This term, our focus is on **DIY Skills**. Students will be introduced to a variety of practical and hands on activities designed to build their confidence and independence. Throughout the term, they will learn how to safely use tools, carry out basic decorating tasks, make simple repairs and complete everyday maintenance jobs. By developing these functional skills, students will gain valuable experience that extends beyond the classroom. These are essential life skills that will empower them to take on real-world challenges and become more self-sufficient.

In **Maths** this term, we will be focusing on measuring length and height, which ties in perfectly with our DIY Skills topic. Students will develop practical measuring skills, including how to measure accurately in centimetres and metres. They will also learn to compare and order different lengths and heights, helping them apply mathematical concepts in real-life, hands-on situations.

This term, we are embedding **English** skills throughout our learning across all subjects. Students will be developing their reading, writing, speaking, and listening abilities through a variety of engaging activities, from following instructions and writing about their DIY projects, to discussing scientific observations and reflecting on events throughout the week.

Our **Science** topic this term is Physics, with a focus on light. Students will explore the fascinating world of light and how it helps us see the world around us. They will learn to identify different sources of light, including both natural and artificial ones, and investigate how light travels. Key concepts will include understanding how we see objects, how shadows are formed when light is blocked, and the properties of materials—specifically transparent, translucent, and opaque surfaces. Through hands-on experiments and observations, students will develop a deeper understanding of how light behaves and interacts with the environment.

In **PSHE** this term, our focus will be on relationships. Students will explore the different types of relationships they may experience in their lives, including friendships, family relationships, and connections within the wider community. Through discussions and activities, they will learn about the importance of communication, empathy, respect and trust in building healthy and positive relationships.

In **PE** this term, Emperor Class will be focusing on two areas of physical development: volleyball and swimming. On Tuesdays, students will work with Charlene to learn and improve their volleyball skills. These sessions will cover the fundamentals of the game, including serving, passing, and teamwork. On Fridays, the class will travel to a local swimming pool for weekly swimming sessions. These sessions will help students build confidence in the water, and learn important water safety skills.

The Summer term promises to be lots of fun with new experiences and plenty of opportunities to learn, explore, and celebrate the final term of the school year.

Mary and the Emperor Team