



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 2- Friday 13th June 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Summer Term 2 to all our pupils and their families! This term is always a very busy one with lots of events in the school calendar including whole day trips for classes, Parents' Evening, our Papillon family BBQ and Sports Days. With our Sports Days approaching, please could all children and young people have a named PE kit (including plimsols/trainers) in school. This really helps to support them in preparation for the event. Classes will be starting their new topics for the last half of the Summer Term, a full overview of the topics are at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** thoroughly enjoyed their swimming sessions and it's been fantastic to see their confidence in the water growing each time. There was independent swimming and lots of smiles! We also took a trip to Asda to shop for our cooking ingredients. In making, the children explored a variety of materials to create cars for our exciting new display. They took part in a range of fine motor activities and enjoyed an engaging attention circle based on the book 'That's Not My Car.'

**Meadow Class** have enjoyed Money Week, laying out coins to make a picture of a sailing boat, creating piggy banks and coin rubbing. Our swimming session at Dorking swimming pool was again very successful and the children continue to gain confidence in the water. On Wednesday, we went shopping to ASDA and the children looked at the prices of things and chose a toy to purchase. They were very polite, paying at the checkouts, taking their receipts and saying thank you. We have been learning about length in maths using the language of short and long, and we collected sticks in the wooded area, arranging them from shortest to longest. In PSHE, we learnt parts of the body and sang songs to help us remember them all.

**Peacock Class** had lots of fun at tennis on Monday and we are getting really good at using our rackets to hit the ball. We have been thinking about money for 'My Money Week' and have looked at some different currencies from around the world. On Wednesday we went to ASDA and found all the items on our shopping list, we then took turns to scan and pay for the items either with cash or by card. On Thursday we visited Sutton Library and borrowed some books for our new 'Holidays' topic.

## Class Topics - Summer Term 2

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

**Caterpillar Class** – All Aboard!

**Meadow Class** – Land, Sea & Sky

**Peacock Class** – Holidays

**Swallowtail Class** – The Sea

**Monarch Class** – Summer Holidays

**Admiral Class** – My Summer Art Exhibition

**Emperor Class** – My Communication Passport

## Reminders & Requests

Our **school photographer** will be in on Monday 23rd June. Please could you ensure that your child is in full school uniform on this day.

If you have any spare Papillon House **uniform** that is no longer needed please could this be donated to school so we can offer it to other families. Thank you

## Photo Gallery



Fun at swimming



Coin arranging



'My Money Week' activities



Library visit



**Swallowtail Class** have started their half-termly topic of 'The Sea' and they have also got stuck in with lots of currency-based activities for "My Money Week". The class enjoyed making pictures using the spare change kindly sent in by parents and carers, and some of them guessed what foreign currency they had in their hands which included Sri Lankan Rupees! Swallowtail also enjoyed spending some money at the 'My Money Week' sale on Friday afternoon for a special treat. The children have been doing some Sports Day practise this week as well as making Father's Day and Special Person Day cards. The class also enjoyed visiting many places on their community visits this week, unfortunately the horses were being seen by the vets so horse riding will hopefully resume next week.

## Photo Gallery



Swallowtail enjoying 'My Money Week'.

## Secondary Department News

**Monarch Class** enjoyed a party on Monday to celebrate Chrissy's birthday and introduced our new topic of 'Summer Holidays' by visiting a travel agent to find some holiday brochures. We used the brochures to create our written piece about where we would like to go on our dream holiday. To celebrate My Money Week, we made cupcakes in our cooking session to sell in our bake sale this afternoon. We also went on a money scavenger hunt and used the money to buy toys within a budget using the coins we had found. Have a lovely weekend!



Time for a story...



Party time!

**Admiral Class** enjoyed a trip to Leatherhead this week to visit an art gallery. We looked at paintings and sculptures which gave opportunity to discuss their thoughts and ideas about the art work. Within our topic lessons we have been looking at Picasso's work and the method that he used to create his art. In our Jigsaw session we have started a new topic, looking into the changing body. It was great to see Admiral Class cycling this week and continuing to build on their fitness levels. In Science, some learners have been learning about how the sun's light and heat are needed for plants to grow.



What makes plants grow?

Practising our writing

**Emperor Class** has had a fantastic first week back with lots of activities keeping us busy! Yara did really well looking after the children on her work experience trip and even got to meet some ducklings. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a lovely trip to Box Hill, followed by a fun outing to McDonald's on Wednesday to celebrate Thomas and Dawid's 18th birthdays. As part of Money Week, the students have been engaged in a variety of money-themed activities and have shown great enthusiasm. They also worked incredibly hard in the café on Thursday, preparing an impressive 27 orders of homemade chicken burgers, potato wedges and blueberry muffins which went down very well!

'My Money Week'



Birthday celebrations!

## Stars of the Week



### Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Jaxson for "swimming independently in the pool using a swimming noodle to stay afloat."
- Meadow** Tiana for "gaining confidence during her swim session."
- Peacock** Joseph for "fantastic counting in maths lessons."
- Swallowtail** Logan for "having a super trip to Sutton Library, reading stories with an adult and being independent in the café on Thursday."

## Birthdays

There were no Primary birthdays this week.



## Therapy

Therapy are excited to be back for the final half-term and looking forward to the rest of the Summer Term.

Well done to Sienna for making great sentences in her Friday speech therapy session.

*Lily Prince- Therapy Assistant*

## Important Dates

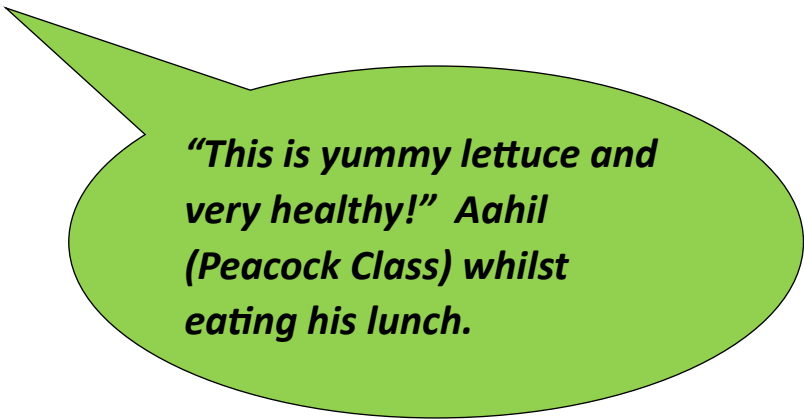
### Diary Dates

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 'British Values'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	23rd June		Class and whole school photos
Monday	30th June	1.45pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	2nd July	2pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	7th July	pm	Parents' Evening
Monday	21st July	5-7.30pm	Family BBQ

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



***"This is yummy lettuce and very healthy!" Aahil (Peacock Class) whilst eating his lunch.***

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## CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is '**All Aboard**'. The children will have the opportunity to participate in attention circles and games linked to the topic. Our book focuses will be 'That's Not my Car', 'The Train Ride' and 'That's Not my Plane'. The children will learn new topical vocabulary, which will include the appropriate Makaton signs.

Our **Science** topic is 'look all around'. The children will be encouraged to explore the world around them and go for walks to see what they can see. They will investigate different weather and look at the clothes we wear at different times of the year.

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 - n, m, d, g, o, c.

In **Maths**, the children will be in 2 groups. One group will be focussing on number rhymes and participating in attention circles related to the numbers 1 - 5 whilst the other group will be focussing on prepositions and the numbers 4 and 5. They will participate in activities and listen to stories that mention prepositions and learn about the numbers 4 and 5.

The children will be producing more masterpieces this term. They will be making different modes of transport using a variety of colours, textures and resources. Caterpillar Class really enjoy our **cooking sessions**, and we look forward to continuing this. They will be decorating biscuits, making fruit cars and boat crackers.

We will continue **swimming**. The children have been really enjoying themselves and it has been lovely seeing their confidence grow in the pool. They are splashing and beginning to relax in the water. We will continue to enjoy trips out in the local community to the library, play parks and supermarkets. We will also be going on a whole day trip to Fisher's Farm (more information to follow).

It's going to be a lovely half term.

Lauren

## MEADOW CLASS



Our topic this half term is '**Land, Sea & Sky.**' Our learning will be based around this theme and subjects will be linked where possible. We will be learning about different forms of transport, in particular, trains, boats and aeroplanes and developing language associated with each.

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

### **Ty's Travels: All Aboard**

An exciting adventure story where Ty goes on a make-believe train journey through countryside, farms, tunnels and stops to pick up members of his family...and ends his journey in the kitchen ready for dinner!



### **All Aboard The Words Train**

A train journey going to the seaside, with lots of new vocabulary to learn related to the sea, beach, food and boats.



### **Maisy Goes by Plane**

Maisy has an adventure travelling by plane. She learns how to check in, how to find her seat, what it feels like to fly and all the other experiences associated with flying.



The children will be developing their **reading (decoding and comprehension)** skills with activities such as answering simple questions about a story; joining in with refrains/predictable phrases; recounting a short sequence of events in the story by use of pictures; matching pictures to the text and re-enacting the story with props. They will be developing their **writing (handwriting and compositional)** skills with activities such as describing a character or object from a story using a single descriptive word; describing a picture using a subject, verb and object; learning to form lower-case letters correctly and spelling words using their phonics knowledge. 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 continue to read 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: Seasonal Changes and Planting Out. We will be looking at the changes in each season and collect data on the weather over a short period of time and do some planting and observe the plants growing.

In **Maths**, we are continuing to follow the White Rose Scheme and will be focussing on length, height and time, building 9 and 10 and exploring 3D shapes. We will be completing lots of practical activities for measurement. We will also begin the half term with '**Money Week**', using coins to create a class picture, explore coin rubbing, look at all the different coins and order them, make a money box and learn what money is and why it matters.

For **ICT**, Meadow will be learning about word processing, including typing, different symbols used, saving work, the undo function and editing. We will begin to use BBC Bitesize Dancemat Typing to practise touch typing.

In **Art/Making**, we will be using a range of mediums to create art around our topic of 'Land, Sea & Sky'. Activities will include making paper aeroplanes, 3D boats, trains and tracks. The children will create their own train design using a large box big enough for them to sit inside! We will be making summer foods in **cooking**, including chocolate crisp cakes; ice cream cupcakes; tomato, cucumber and ham pasta salad; fruit and marshmallow kebabs; watermelon boats and fresh lemonade.

In **Music**, we will continue to follow **Charanga Music**. Our topic will be: Anyone can play. The children will be experimenting with a range of instruments, including drums, rain makers/sticks and wind chimes and will be exposed to different genres of music.

We will be following the Jigsaw Scheme of Work for **PSHE** and our topic will be '**Changing Me**' where the children will be learning about the different parts of their bodies, how to respect and look after their bodies, changes that occur and how to keep healthy.

The children in Meadow Class will be focussing on athletics in **PE** with Charlene on Friday afternoons and off-site activities this half term include **swimming** at Dorking pool on Tuesday mornings.

Our **community visits** will be on Thursday afternoons and the children will have the opportunity to experience the local community shops, parks, garden centres, libraries and other local places of interest. We will be enjoying a whole day trip and will inform you of this nearer the time.

We look forward to an exciting summer half term!

*From Klara and the Meadow Team.*

## PEACOCK CLASS



Our topic in Peacock class this half-term is **Holidays!** Our learning will have a Geography focus. We will be finding out about different types of holidays, from trips abroad, 'staycations', camping trips, and how even day trips can be a form of holiday.

We will be using the text **A Ticket Around the World** to find out about various holiday destinations around the world. We will find out all about the weather, the wildlife, the languages, the foods and famous landmarks and some popular activities in different countries.



In **English**, we will also read the stories:

**The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse** - to help us learn about and identify the features of a town vs the countryside.

**Meerkat Mail** - to discover some famous landmarks around the world and help us practise writing post-cards!

**You Can't Take an Elephant on Holiday!** – a funny story with lots of rhyming words.

**Journey** – A wonderful, wordless picture book giving us the chance to use our imagination and become the storyteller!

In **Topic (Geography)** we will learn about some of the different features in towns, countryside and at the seaside. We will also use the text **The Queen's Hat** to learn about some famous London landmarks and then compare them to some of world landmarks we discover. In **cooking** we will be tasting some famous foods from different countries and will work towards preparing some of our favourites. Our **Maths** will involve finishing the place value units we started last term, before moving on to learn about length and height. We will compare objects using terms like 'longer', 'taller' or 'shorter' and will begin to use tools to help us measure accurately. In **Science** we will learning about plants and thinking about what they need to grow. We will explore some plants and fruits that grow from seeds and some plants that grow from bulbs. Our **PSHE** topic this half term will be 'Changing Me' and we will be learning about changes that happen to our bodies as we grow up from babies, to children, to young adults. We will be continuing our physical activity of **tennis** on Monday mornings, and some of the class will be **horse riding** on Thursday mornings. **ICT** will be focused on presentation skills in which we will learn about how to create, format and organise a digital presentation.

*We would love to share some real life holiday experiences -if you have any photos from a recent holiday or special day trip which you would be happy share with the class, please do send them in either in bookbags or via email!*

It's going to be a fun filled (& hopefully sun filled!) half term!

Natalie & the Peacock Team

## SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



Swallowtail's topic this half-term is '**The Sea**' where we will be focusing on the different seas and oceans around the world, as well as lots of other exciting sea-based topics! In the first week, we will be focusing on what we know about the sea and seeing if we know some simple sea creatures, forms of transport, as well as looking at water. In the second week, we will be looking more into different types of sea creatures such as crustaceans and fish, and the similarities and differences between them. We will also be reading and listening to the story "Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea" by Jan Peck and we will be discussing the characters, ideas and story throughout the term. The story can be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZJ3OzwPiNA>. Then, in the third week, we will be continuing to extend our learning about sea creatures by discussing the ways in which these creatures live, eat, and socialise with other marine life. In our fourth week, we will be looking into beaches, the way we can identify a beach, how to keep a beach clean and safe, as well as preparation for a beach trip the following week! Then, in our fifth week, we will be researching lots about how to keep our oceans clean, pollution and recycling. Lastly, in week six we will be thinking about all the things we have learnt about the sea and discussing our favourite aspects of our topic, as well as preparation for the upcoming new school year!

This half term, we will be aiming to visit ASDA supermarket and recycling centre, Box Hill Nature Trail, a garden centre with an aquarium, Headley Heath as well as a beach on our **community visits**. We will also have the chance to continue visiting the team at RDA this term and most Swallowtail children will be horse riding on select Thursdays. Some of the children have already done so well at the stables this year and I look forward to seeing them progress more and more as the weeks go on. Some children will have the chance to go cycling at the Harrier Centre in Epsom every other Thursday and all children will have the opportunity to play football with the class on select Wednesday mornings at Walton-on-the-Hill playpark. The children will be very busy before the summer holidays!

In our **Maths** lessons, Swallowtail Class will be focussing on working with money in the first week back after half term, as it is "My Money Week". The class will be carrying out some amazing money-based activities throughout the week ending in a lovely cake/biscuit sale where they can spend some money on a treat! Additionally, some of the children will be focusing on different uses for writing, letter formation, and pencil grip (with support from OT) as well as improvising short drama pieces based on our topic of "The Sea". We will also be carrying out 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 focusing on athletics and will be incorporating different types of athletics into their PE sessions such as running, jumping over hurdles, and throwing. This will all be in preparation for this year's Sports Day which we hope you can all attend. We will also be carrying 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 "**Changing Me**", and the class will be thinking about their body image, how bodies change over time, puberty and moving classes.

In **English**, they will explore poems and stories about the sea and compose their own descriptions of, for instance, a day at the seaside or the sights and sounds of huge waves, or sailing boats.

In Islam, the sea is a Quranic source of sustenance, in Hinduism, it is the source of creation and the resting place of gods while the Sea of Gallilee is a geographical centre of Christ's ministry. There will be opportunities for students to explore these and other themes in their **World Views** class.

Moreover, our **making** sessions will get Swallowtail Class's creative juices going with plenty of sea-based tasks such as making a jellyfish, paintings of the sea and shark puppets. They will be preparing sea-themed recipes like the classic fishfinger sandwich or ship's biscuits for cooking.

Lastly, many children will have the opportunity to carry out some outdoor learning in the school grounds as well as utilising our **ICT** facilities using the iPads to record their typing work and research on our topic of 'The Sea'.

Alex and John

## MONARCH CLASS



This half term, our class topic is '**Summer Holidays**'. This week, we introduced the topic by visiting a travel agent to find some travel brochures and used them back at school to choose where we would like to go for our dream holiday. In week 2, we will focus on how we can stay safe on our summer holidays. In week 3, we will learn about holidays of the past and how seaside holidays in particular have changed over the years. In week 4, we will learn about 'staycations' and how they differ to holidays abroad. In week 5, we will learn about the weather of different holiday locations and how weather affects activities and packing. In week 6, we will learn about eco-tourism and how holidaying in specific areas has had a negative impact on the environment. For our final two days of this academic year, we will look back at our achievements over the year and celebrate with some fabulous summer fun activities and enjoy some summer treats (hopefully outside in the grounds with some lovely sunshine to keep us company).

For our off-site physical activity this half term, we will continue with our weekly **cycling** sessions, however, the track we use will be hosting school sporting events this year and so on weeks that we are unable to cycle, we will participate in other off-site activities such as football, tennis or cross country running instead. We also look forward to some fabulous community visit opportunities, including a trip to the beach next week, visits to local parks and travel centres.

In our **Science** sessions, we will be completing the White Rose scheme of work, focussing on living things and their habitats before moving on to exploring plants, bulbs and seeds. We will be learning about micro-habitats, food chains in the animal kingdom and will also explore animals that live today versus animals that are now extinct. When we move on to our plants topic, we will conduct an investigation looking at bulbs and seeds and explore how they change over time.

In our Jigsaw **PSHE** sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Changing Me'. We will cover areas such as how we grow, as well as looking in more depth at internal and external changes that our bodies go through when we grow/reach puberty.

For our **R.E.** focus for this half term, we will be following the unit 'Why do people make promises?' over the next few weeks, exploring and comparing how different religious and non-religious communities demonstrate commitment through making promises e.g. in marriage, at birth, rites of passage etc.

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 '**My Summer Art Exhibition**'. We will incorporate PSHE, literacy, community visits and technology to explore what art is, different features of art, and how we as individuals can express our own feelings through the medium of art. As a class we will be looking into the different types of mediums that are used to create art. Following on from this each week we will focus on a different style of art, the artists and why they choose their chosen form of art. We will be discovering what materials are easier to work with than others.

This term, Admiral Class will be continuing with **cycling** every Thursday and we will be continuing to build 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 as well as being aware of other users. We will also be learning what to do if the equipment does not work.

During **Literacy**, Admiral Class will be completing a phonics lesson each week, linked to sounds and letters at our targeted levels. These sessions will be reinforced by continuing our visit to the school library every Tuesday, where the learners will read independently and as part of a group. We will also be completing writing tasks to support our topic and to improve our writing skills, both letter formation and pencil control. Our literacy sessions will also provide a link to our topic, and we will complete a reflection task each week to continue developing our spoken language skills.

During **Maths**, we will be continuing to work from the **White Rose Scheme**. Within this term's unit, some learners will be learning to understand the denominators of unit fractions and to compare and order unit fractions whilst others will be learning about length and grouping items depending on their size.

Within **Science**, we will be focussing on chemistry, looking at the features of different materials. We will begin by having a class discussion to gain an understanding of what the class know about different materials. In the upcoming weeks, we will be carrying out experiments to discover what material creates the most friction.

The theme of our **PE** sessions this half term will be looking towards our Sports Day, practising our sporting activities. We will use the skills learnt in gymnastics, ball skills, and movement to successfully complete all Sports Day activities. Please send a P.E kit in for your young person, including trainers.

We look forward to a fun and busy half term and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Gavin

## EMPEROR CLASS



This term, our topic is '**My Communication Passport**'. Throughout the term, we will be engaging in thoughtful discussions about our individual needs and exploring how others, both in school and in the wider community, can support us more effectively. This topic encourages us to think about who we are, what helps us thrive, and how we express ourselves best. Through a variety of creative and reflective activities, we will explore our identities, interests, and strengths. We will also take time to reflect on our personal life journeys, celebrating important milestones we have achieved so far and recognising how they shape the people we are today.

In **Maths** this term, we will be focusing on practical measurement skills, specifically capacity and temperature. These concepts are closely linked to everyday life and essential life skills. Students will be given opportunities to develop their understanding through hands-on learning experiences, such as cooking, preparing drinks, and measuring liquids during science experiments. Through these activities, they will not only strengthen their mathematical knowledge but also gain confidence in using these skills in real-life situations that support their independence.

Our **Science** topic for this term is Chemistry, with a particular focus on Fossils, Rocks, and Soils. We will explore the fascinating world beneath our feet by examining real-life samples and engaging in practical experiments. Students will investigate how different types of rocks are formed, the role soil plays in ecosystems, and how fossils provide us with clues about life from millions of years ago.

In **PSHE**, our theme is '**Changing Me**'. This unit supports students in understanding personal growth and change, both physical and emotional. We will be addressing topics such as mental health and well-being, addiction, the importance of resilience, and managing emotions. Students will also learn about the impact of sleep on their mental and physical health and how to cope with transitions and challenges in a positive way.

In **PE**, Emperor Class will continue their weekly off-site swimming sessions every Friday. These visits have become a highlight for many students, giving them the opportunity to build water confidence, improve swimming techniques, and enjoy exploring different swimming pools in the local area. In addition to swimming, students will take part in on-site PE lessons with Charlene, where they will be working on athletics. As Sports Day approaches, we will increase our outdoor activity sessions to give students ample practice and preparation for the day.

In **English**, speaking, listening, and reading skills will be integrated across all subjects. Every Friday, we have a special reflection session where students look back at photos taken during the week and discuss the activities they have participated in. Each student will then choose a photo to write about. This writing task helps students focus on using descriptive language, organising their thoughts, and practising correct punctuation and sentence structure, all while strengthening their ability to communicate clearly and confidently.

We're all really looking forward to the exciting activities planned for the final weeks of the school year, including the sleepover, a beach trip, Sports Day, and our much-loved family barbecue!

Mary and the Emperor Team