



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 12th September 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pupils and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed their first full week back at school and everyone is adjusting back to the full swing of Papillon. All our new pupils are settling into life at Papillon very confidently and it's been lovely to see them around school. Admiral and Emperor Classes attended their first tennis session of the new academic year whilst pupils from Monarch and Swallowtail enjoyed swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre. A huge well done to William who entered the pool for the first time and had lots of fun splashing, playing with water toys and enjoying being in the water. Emperor Class prepared their first café lunch of the academic year and staff tucked into chicken rice salad with feta cheese and avocado. It was all delicious!



Reminders & Requests

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and equipment in school for learning. Named swimming kits will be required for Monarch and Swallowtail classes this term and Peacock Class will require tracksuit bottoms and wellington boots for horse riding. All pupils should have a named PE kit in school. Thank you.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class welcomed our new friends into class and enjoyed walks around the school grounds. The children have participated in some lovely 'All About Me' attention circles and took time to reflect on our week. We read 'Kipper's Toy Box' and joined in with different number rhymes. The children had a lovely visit to Jubilee Woodlands where they explored and climbed on the equipment. Some of the children went cycling, whilst the others explored their new school environment.

Meadow Class have continued learning about superheroes in class and have made loo roll superheroes in making, super strawberry fruit kebabs in cooking and choosing their favourite superheroes in topic. They also loved a trip to Leigh Park on Wednesday and their first cycling session at the Harrier Centre on Thursday. Meadow Class have been fantastic this week and they have been doing some lovely learning in their phonics lessons too.

Peacock Class had so much fun visiting Walton on the Hill playground on Monday afternoon. We have been learning some key vocabulary for our topic about Kings and Queens in English, then we made our own royal crowns. In Maths we have been using Numicon to help us recognise numbers. In cooking the children made royal fruit tarts, we carefully cut up blueberries and strawberries, then mixed jelly cubes in warm water to make them melt and poured the mixture into tart cases. They were delicious! On Thursday we had a visit to Sutton Library to read some books and then we had a special treat - a hot chocolate stop at Café Nero!

Photo Gallery



Photo Gallery

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have been learning about the Roman Empire and the countries they conquered and coloured in a map of Europe showing how the Empire expanded. The children learnt a song about Roman Numerals and enjoyed practising this, adding some marching moves. In art, we made paper mosaics using different colours and we read the book, 'Paolo, Emperor of Rome' about a little dog discovering Rome. Some of the children had a sensory story on 'The Enormous Turnip' and enjoyed listening to this. On Monday, we all made 'Old School Cake' which turned out brilliantly and was delicious! The children demonstrated great cooking skills. Swimming on Tuesday was very successful. We had a fantastic achievement with William going into the pool for the first time. It was a joyous moment.

Monarch Class children did some fantastic work in topic on Monday, introducing our new theme of The Stone Age, identifying how early human life might have been different from our own. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their first session with our new swimming instructors at Dorking Leisure Centre. We did lots of fabulous swimming and some of us even began to learn how to dive in at the deep end! On Wednesday, we made some fabulous bread rolls in our cooking session following instructions carefully. Yesterday we enjoyed a trip to visit Banstead Library where we chose books about the Stone Age to bring back to school, and we finished off the week with PE where the children continued to learn our new game for this half term – hockey.

Admiral Class have enjoyed continuing with our White Rose maths lessons this week. We have been looking at fractions on a number line and thinking about where the fractions would be placed. Admiral Class started working towards our class display board by creating social media posters showing different types of consoles and media. On Monday we started playing tennis and it was great to see the learners continue to develop their skills. In cooking we made sandwich subs, these proved very popular! Some learners have been enjoying exploring sensory items such as flour and splat paint.

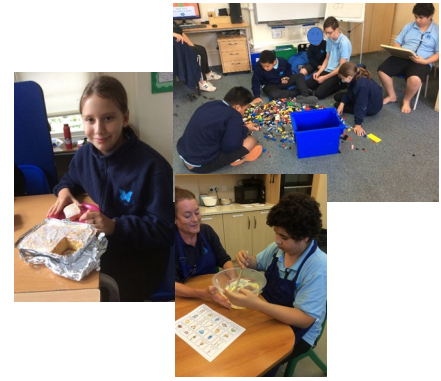
Emperor Class has had a great first full week back after the holidays! The students thoroughly enjoyed Monday's tennis session at Ebbisham Tennis Club and their PE lesson with Charlene, where they are currently focusing on hockey. We baked some delicious chocolate chip cookies and a prepared a very tasty chicken salad for staff in Thursday's cafe.



Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Teddy for "settling well into Caterpillar class and joining in with activities."
- Meadow** Nevaeh for "excellent independent cycling this week."
- Peacock** Kuba for "great listening at school and out in the community."
- Swallowtail** William for "being able to get into the pool and enjoying his time so much in the water!"



Birthdays

There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Well done to Peacock Class for engaging in their group attention circle focusing on Kings and Queens. *Monika Persechino, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant*

William enjoyed his Attention Autism session and was able to stay focused throughout stages 1, 2 and 3. He used his communication board to choose between 'more' and 'finished'. *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist*



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Tommie for having a great first few days settling into Meadow Class and Papillon as a whole.



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is the British Science Festival.

| DAY | DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Friday | 19th September | am | NHS Flu Immunisations Team in |
| Monday | 29th September | | Harvest Festival |
| Monday | 6th October | | Individual school photographs |
| Monday | 13th October | 3.30-7pm | Parents' Evening |
| Friday | 17th October | 3.00pm | End of half term |
| Monday | 3rd November | 9.30am | Start of Autumn Term 2 |

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Good job guys!" Joseph (Peacock Class) thanking the builders with a thumbs up for their hard work on our playground.

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CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is '**Welcome to the Toy Shop**'. Our book focuses will be 'Kipper's Toy Box and 'Toy Story'. The children will learn new topical vocabulary, which will include the appropriate Makaton signs.

The children will have regular opportunities to participate in attention circles and will play turn taking games with their peers. The attention circles will be sensory based and linked to our topic and other areas of learning.

In **English**, the children will be exploring and using different mark making tools. They will listen to a range of stories throughout the week and will visit the library. In the library, Caterpillar Class will have the opportunity to share a story with an adult or with their peers. Our phonics sessions will include listening to a range of different sounds and exploring different graphemes during attention circles.

In **Maths**, we will be listening to different number songs and learning about different numbers. We will sing songs, such as 'Five Little Ducks', 'Three Little Speckled Frogs' and 'Ten Green Bottles'. The children will be encouraged to join in with the songs and given time to explore the different the number rhyme props.

Our **science** topic is 'Me and My Small World'. We will look carefully at ourselves in the mirror and talk about how we are all different. The children will participate in attention circles about body parts and will be given opportunities to explore different sensory activities.

Caterpillar Class will be **cooking** every Friday. They will be encouraged to use different utensils and will explore different foods to touch and eat. They will be making fruit kebabs, sandwiches, fruit trifle and teddy bear toast. During making, we will be creating different toys for our class display, which is linked to our topic. The children will be encouraged to use a range of colours and materials to complete the activities.

Every Thursday we will be going **cycling**. The children will be encouraged to wear a helmet and use the bikes around the track. We will get lots of pictures! On our **community visits** will be heading to local parks, woodlands and supermarkets to buy ingredients for cooking.

It's going to be a lovely half term!

Lauren and the Caterpillar Class Team

MEADOW CLASS



Meadow's topic this term is **"What's Your Superpower?"** where we will be focusing on the different attributes that we all have that make us unique and special, as well as some of those attributes that link with our favourite superheroes! In the first week, we will be focusing on how we spent our summer holidays, discussing this with our friends and/or adults and writing and drawing about what we did during English sessions.

In the second week, we will be looking at our favourite superheroes and what makes them so special. We will also be reading a story "Supertato" by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet and we will be discussing the questions, importance, and themes throughout the term. Then, in the third week, we will be continuing to extend our learning about superheroes by delving further into their backstories and connections with any villains. We will look at where they live and what their special superpowers are. Additionally, in the fourth week we will be focusing on the connections between ourselves and the superheroes we have been discussing, thinking about the amazing qualities we all have that maybe Spider-Man or Wonder Woman also hold.

As we move into the fifth week the class will be looking at what our potential superpowers would be and what we would like to choose as a special superpower. As we move into the last few weeks of the half term, Meadow Class will be completing some writing and drawing about ourselves, thinking more specifically about our natural make up and how we interact with each other. The last few lessons will be based on what we have learnt about in this topic and will ultimately conclude "What's Your Superpower?".

This half term, we will be aiming to visit ASDA supermarket and recycling centre, Box Hill Nature Trail, Tesco, Headley Heath, Banstead Library as well as LIDL supermarket on our community visits. We will also have the chance to visit Epsom's Harrier Centre this term and all Meadow children will be going cycling on Thursday mornings. Please can you send in all PE kits for the second week of term, ready for the children's topic of "Hockey".

In our maths lessons, Meadow Class will continue to follow the new scheme of work; White Rose Maths this term and in their English sessions, some children are starting to match pictures to some short words as well as learn how to hold pencils correctly and trace over letter formation words. Additionally, other children will be focusing on adding images to pieces of writing as well as improvising short drama pieces/role play and making contributions to group writing tasks. We will also be carrying out our exciting phonics sessions each week using the Twinkl scheme of work which I know the class enjoy very much.

The class 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 'Being Me in My World'. For science sessions, Meadow Class will be starting some biology sessions and our topic for these sessions this half term is 'Dinosaurs'. We will look at how dinosaurs lived on earth millions of years ago as well as thinking about how they were adapted to live in their environments. Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions on a Monday based on our "What's Your Superpower" topic with Teresa, which will include biscuits, fruit salads and cakes.

The class are really looking forward to experiencing the new playground equipment and on our first day, the children went to watch the builders completing their jobs and watched the diggers picking up the old equipment and putting it away. Lastly, many children will have the opportunity to carry out some outdoor learning in the school grounds as well as use ICT facilities in class this term, and most will be using the iPads, computer and laptop to record their typed work and research on our topic of 'What's Your Superpower?'.

Alex and The Meadow Class Team

PEACOCK CLASS



Our first topic of the year in Peacock Class is **Kings & Queens!**

We will be thinking about where Kings and Queen's live, looking at castles and palaces and using junk modelling to make some. We will think about what Kings and Queens wear and then be making crowns, looking at royal portraits on stamps looking at coins and doing some stamp rubbings.

During our off-site visits we will be making the most of the parks in our local area especially whilst our new school playground is still under construction!

Our off-site **physical activity** this half term will be horse riding on a Thursday. Please ensure the children have jogging bottoms and wellies with them. In school **PE** will be on a Friday, please ensure PE kits are in school and named.

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 looking at books including: 'The Cat and The King', 'The Queen's Hat', and 'Zog and the fly Doctors'. We will be using these to help us understand some key vocabulary for our topic.

In **Maths** we will be following the White Rose Scheme still. Some of us will focusing on building the numbers 9 and 10 and understanding the different ways to make these numbers. Some of us will be continuing our learning about place value and understanding the 10s and 1s in a number, thinking about which numbers are greater, and which are less.

During **cooking** our theme will be a Royal Garden Party. We will be making and tasting finger sandwiches, Royal Fruit Crowns, scones, and Coronation Cupcakes.

For **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education** our focus will be 'Being Me in My World'. We will be thinking about the classroom rules, and how we can all stay happy and safe around school. We will be having our personal care session throughout the week so please send in children personal care pouches with a toothbrush, toothpaste and a flannel. In **ICT** we will be starting to learn about the internet.

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

Natalie & the Peacock Class Team

SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



Our topic this half of the Autumn Term is **'The Romans.'** Our learning will be based around this theme and subjects will be linked where possible. We will learn why the Romans were important in history and the legacy they left behind.

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

Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong

A super-fun novel by Jeremy Strong that tells of the crazy adventures of Perilus, a Roman boy who dreams of riding chariots in the Circus Maximus.

Have you heard of the Romans? By National Curriculum: history for kids

March into the heart of the Roman Empire. Discover gladiators, grand architecture, and the legends of ancient Rome.

Paolo, Emperor of Rome: 1 by Mac Barnett

Paolo, a daring dog, takes a whirlwind tour of Rome in search of freedom in new picture book from beloved storyteller Mac Barnett and masterful illustrator Claire Keane.

The children will be developing their reading (decoding and comprehension) skills with activities such as answering questions about a text, looking for clues within the text to read 'between the lines', summarising stories by picking out key events and making predictions. They will have ample opportunities to read across the curriculum. Some of the class will continue working on the Twinkl Phonics Scheme, whilst others will start to look at spelling patterns. The children will read books linked to the scheme as well as choosing books of their own interests. The children will be developing their writing (handwriting and compositional skills) with activities such as describing a scene, describing a character and adapting story lines.

In **Science**, Swallowtail Class will continue to follow The White Rose Scheme where the topics this half term are Skeletons and Movement. We will be learning about the bones in humans and other animals, the functions of the skeleton and joints which help us move. The children will have the chance to look at x-rays to further their learning.

In **Maths**, we are continuing to follow the White Rose Scheme; the children will be streamed into relevant groups according to the level at which they are working. For **Computing**, the children will be developing their word processing skills, including typing, learning about the different symbols used, saving work, the undo function and editing. They will use BBC Bitesize Dancemat Typing to practise touch typing. They will also be revisiting Drawing and Desktop Publishing.

In **Art/Making**, we will be using a range of mediums to create art around our topic of 'The Romans'. Activities will include designing and creating Mosaics, charcoal Roman Coin drawings, drawing a Roman Soldier and making a Roman Chariot model. We will be making a range of autumn foods in **Life skills/cooking**, including cottage pie, vegetable soup, old school cake with custard, vegetable chilli, 'bangers and mash' and Halloween biscuits. The children will learn the importance of health and safety in the kitchen and will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

Music will be linked to our Topic of 'The Romans' and science, as well as developing a range of musical skills. Some of the children will follow Charanga Music, where they 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 'Being Me in My World,' where the children will be thinking about their year ahead, being a citizen in their country, responsibilities, rewards and consequences and their Learning Charter.

The children in Swallowtail Class will be focussing on Fitness and Hockey 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 Wednesday 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 look forward to an exciting Autumn Half Term!

From Klara and the Swallowtail Class Team

MONARCH CLASS



This half term our topic is '**The Stone Age**'. In our first couple of days back at school, we enjoyed looking at pictures of our summer holidays and recalling activities and things we had done during the holiday. This week, we introduced our main topic and found out a bit about what the Stone Age was and when in our history this occurred. We also took part in a comprehension activity, reading through some new textbooks about the Stone Age to find information and answer some questions about this period of time. In week 3, we will learn about how early humans lived and how they built their homes, looking at what materials they used and where they might have settled. In week 4, we will learn about what Stone Age people ate and how, in the latter part of the Stone Age, early humans turned to farming to help provide them with what they needed. In week 5, we will look at clothing that was used during this period and how they found/made the different items they wore and how they kept themselves warm. In week 6, we will look at early representations of human life on earth and how they made cave paintings to tell stories and represent their lives. In week 7, we will learn about Stone Age tools and weapons, the materials they used and how these were created using early tool making methods.

Our focus books for this half term are as follows:

Stone Soup by Annette Smith: A story/play about a man who makes a stone soup and adds different ingredients to improve the flavour.

Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura: The synopsis reads "One day a boy falls down a hole, and an amazing thing happens — when he wakes, he's in a camp full of people wearing animal skins! Step back 15,000 years as a modern boy enters a Stone Age village and learns a few prehistoric tricks of the trade."

This term our off-site activity is **swimming**. This will take place every Tuesday morning so please do remember to send your child in on this day with a swim kit inside a **named** bag and should include swim clothes and a towel. You can also send in shower gel if you would like to. This week, all of the children coped well with changes to our usual swimming sessions, including the introduction of our special new swimming instructors!

For our **White Rose Maths** sessions, some of us will be learning about mass whilst others will be learning about fractions. Those learning about mass will explore comparing weights, measuring mass and capacity. Those following the fractions unit of work will develop their understanding of unit fractions and identifying denominators and numerators as well as comparing non-unit fractions.

Our **White Rose Science** focus for this half term is Biology, and over the next few weeks, some of us will be learning about different types of animals (mammals, fish, reptiles etc.) and what they need to be able to survive in their environments, whilst some of us learn about skeletons and different bones within the human body as well as how some animals skeletons different to our own.

In our Jigsaw **PSHE** sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Being Me in My World'. We will learn about being part of a class team and as a member of the wider school community, whilst some of us will learn more about our own individual identities and how we are part of the wider world and our family groups.

Our **ICT** focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work, Digital Painting. Over the course of this half term, some of the pupils in Monarch Class will learn the skills associated with painting pictures on a PC device. We will explore changing brush styles, size and colours; drawing shapes and filling them; using tools to remove mistakes and adding text. We will also have some pupils following the scheme of work Film Making. During these sessions, some of us will explore various aspects of film-making, choosing and using appropriate software in order to complete tasks such as writing a script, researching information, filming and editing.

Our **R.E.** focus this half term is Hinduism. We will be introducing the Hindu faith and exploring some of the key ideas and traditions that are central to this religion. Children will begin to learn about a range of Hindu beliefs and practices, including the importance of stories, symbols, and celebrations within the faith. We will also think about how these beliefs influence the daily lives of Hindus and what they can teach us about values such as respect, kindness, and community.

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 and the Monarch Class Team

ADMIRAL CLASS



This half term our topic is '**Gaming and Media**'. Each week we will look at a different aspect of media, from YouTube to playing online games. We will also be discussing what is positive and negative around being online for longer periods of time. Each week we will add more work to our display board.

This term our **physical activity** is tennis. We will be playing tennis on a Monday at the Ebbisham Sports Centre, improving on the skills that we have already learnt and trying some new techniques. Please send your young person in with the needed items.

In our Jigsaw **PSHE** sessions this half term, we will focus on the new topic "Being Me in My World". We will be discussing who we are as individuals, thinking about our families and the power of first impressions. We will be learning how we are all different and how to work together.

In **cooking** we will be making a range of different delicious treats such as cheese twists, sub sandwiches, jacket potatoes, hash browns, pizza or garlic bread, nachos and milkshakes. This term we will be working on our fine motor skills by cutting, mixing, pouring and weighing our ingredients.

This term we will be reading '**The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh**' by Helen Rutter: Billy Plimpton has to has a big dream to become a famous stand-up comedian when he's older.

and

'**Gamer: Virtual Combat**' by Chris Bradford: street kid jumps at the chance to be a virtual Kombat gamer.....if he can battle his way up the ranks.

Learners will be continuing our **White Rose** maths groups, some focussing on fractions whilst our Kaleidoscope learners will be working towards matching items and grouping categories. Our **World Views** focus this term will be Christianity and we will be looking at religious items.

Admiral Class will be investigating light in **Science**, looking at its relationship with different objects and how it can change depending on what it is shining on.

In our **outdoor learning** lessons we will be thinking about how we can use our natural environment, looking at materials that animals use to keep themselves warm and safe. We will be investigating how we can build bridges out of branches and leaves and will design and make wildlife homes to help look after our wildlife as we enter the winter months.

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.

Gavin and The Admiral Class Team

EMPEROR CLASS



This term, our topic is **Social Justice Movements**. The students will be learning about the history, key figures, and significant events that have shaped various social justice movements both locally and globally. They will explore issues such as civil rights, gender equality, environmental justice, and LGBTQ+ advocacy. Emperor students will gain a deeper understanding of how these movements have influenced society and how individuals and communities can contribute to positive social change.

In **Maths** this term, our focus will be on fractions. Students will learn what fractions are, how to recognise and name them, and how to use them in everyday situations. The aim is to build confidence in working with fractions and to show how they are useful in real-life contexts, such as cooking, shopping, and sharing.

In **Science**, we will be learning about the skeleton and movement. Students will identify and name key bones in the human body and explore the important functions of the skeleton, such as support, protection, and helping us move. We'll also look at different types of animals, comparing those with vertebrates to those without, and discover whether all skeletons are the same. As part of this topic, students will also learn about joints and how they help us move.

In **PSHE** this term, our topic is 'Being Me in My World'. Students will be thinking about what it means to be themselves while being part of a group. We will explore how relationships work, what others might expect from us, and how we see ourselves and others. The class will also look at peer pressure and how to make safe, confident choices. Understanding consent and recognising risks in different situations will be an important part of our learning, with a focus on building respect, self-awareness, and personal boundaries.

In **PE** this term, Emperor Class will be going to Ebbisham Tennis Centre to continue developing their tennis skills. Students will work on improving their coordination, racket control, and movement around the court. The sessions will also encourage teamwork, turn-taking, and following rules in a supportive and structured environment.

English skills will be developed across all areas of learning this term. Linking to our topic of Social Justice Movements, our class book will be 'Ajay and the Mumbai Sun'—a story that will help spark discussions around fairness, community, and making a difference. Each Friday, students take part in a reflection session where they review photos taken during the week and talk about the activities they've enjoyed. They then choose one photo to write about, using it as a prompt to practise descriptive language and develop their punctuation and sentence structure.

Emperor students will be continuing with their Enterprise projects to develop their vocational skills. These include running the Thursday café, offering a car washing service to staff, and designing and creating handmade items to sell to staff and peers. Through these activities, students are developing important life and work-related skills.

We're really looking forward to the new school year and all the learning and activities planned for the Autumn term.

Mary and the Emperor Class Team