



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was a pleasure to welcome back all of our pupils on Wednesday after the half term break. All Papillon staff received their Team Teach training/reaccreditation over the Inset training days which helps support all our children and young people in our care. Team Teach is an accredited, award-winning provider of positive behaviour management used to equip staff effectively with the skills to deal with challenging situations and behaviours in ways that lead to desirable outcomes and positive relationships.

We are also looking forward to starting our new topics across the school for the second half of the Spring Term. A full overview of this half-terms learning is at the end of this newsletter.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Jubilee Woodlands this week where they had the opportunity to explore and learn outdoors. In fine motor sessions, the children explored a range of activities, including posting and twisting tasks, helping to strengthen their hand muscles and improve their coordination. In Science, we investigated pushes and pulls through practical activities. The children also explored magnets in a trough filled with a variety of magnetic and non-magnetic objects.

**Meadow Class** have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new topic of 'Rumble in the Jungle' and explored some of the different animals that inhabit the jungle. We have also been reading the story 'Rumble in the Jungle' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz and the children loved identifying the different animals using real world toys and words. The class also enjoyed learning about doubles to 10 in maths and starting our topic of 'Healthy Me' in PSHE where the class were participating in different exercises for a minute at a time.

**Peacock Class** started our new topic this week of 'Toys and Puppets' by sharing the story of 'The Paper Dolls' in class. In cooking, we made teddy bear pizzas using wraps as a base. Peacock Class continue with the White Rose scheme of maths, using physical objects to support our learning of 'more than' and 'less than'. We had a fun cycling session on Thursday and also enjoyed our music sessions, learning a new song using 'Boomwhackers'!

## Class Topics - Spring Term 2

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

**Caterpillar Class** – Brilliant Bugs

**Meadow Class** – Rumble in the Jungle

**Peacock Class** – Toys and Puppets

**Swallowtail Class** – Celebrations

**Monarch Class** – Scouting and Other Leisure Activities

**Admiral Class** – Medicine Through the Ages

**Emperor Class** – British History

## Reminders & Requests

**Thursday 5th March 2026 is World Book Day** where our children and young people will have the opportunity to dress as their favourite book character. Teachers will also be organising special World Book Day activities throughout the week.

## Photo Gallery



## Secondary Department News


**Swallowtail Class** went on a trip to take part in the Panathlon on Wednesday. They all had a great time but were expressing their desire to do better when they go next year. Those that stayed at school engaged in some English work, where we did a light introduction to our topic of 'Celebrations' ahead of starting it properly next week. On Thursday, Swallowtail Class went cycling and then to the park across the field. We all had a great time and were back at school for playtime. We enjoyed a music session after lunch and also shared some time in soft-play. Pupils finished off the week doing a variety of PE, Phonics and English throughout the day.

**Monarch Class** have certainly made the most of our time during this three day week together! In cooking, we enjoyed making (and tasting!) delicious pancakes, and the children worked brilliantly during our phonics sessions. We did some fantastic fraction work in our White Rose Maths sessions and celebrated Sylvie's birthday with a lovely party in class. Today, we enjoyed a lovely trip to 'That Retro Café' in Caterham, where the children had great fun playing old arcade games, enjoying board games together and finishing with a special milkshake or hot chocolate treat.

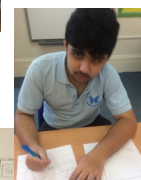
**Admiral Class** have enjoyed sharing what everyone has been doing in their half-term holiday. This week we have continued our learning about fractions in maths, adding fractions together to make a whole. We discussed our new topic 'Medicine Through the Ages' and are looking forward to exploring this topic further over the next four weeks. In our PSHE session we looked at being able to identify the correct way to store medicine, exploring different medicine bottles and identifying where and how the medicine should be stored. In cooking some learners made macaroni cheese. We have also started to design our class display board.

**Emperor Class** have managed to fit a lot in since returning to school on Wednesday! We made the most of the glorious sunshine with a lovely morning spent gardening and preparing the beds for planting. On Thursday, the students cooked some delicious French bread pizzas, which were a big hit with everyone. The students all enjoyed our Science lesson this week, where we were using magnifying glasses to closely examine and investigate a variety of different rocks.

### Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Amberley for "working hard in fine motor." 
- Meadow Class** Tommie for "an amazing first week back and celebrating a friend's birthday."
- Peacock Class** Jack for "fantastic teamwork in his group maths session."
- Swallowtail Class** William for "cycling independently for two laps."

## Photo Gallery



Tristan (Caterpillar Class) celebrated his birthday and received an animal threading and stacking activity. He celebrated in class with a party and chocolate cake!

Logan (Meadow Class) celebrated his birthday and received a Squishmallow zebra and a sensory rocket toy. Class celebrated with a party and cake!

## Therapy

Well done Tegan for using her creativity to express herself and use her imagination.  
*Keith Waterman—Art Therapist*

Well done to our Makaton stars of the week, Tiana and Logan from Meadow Class! This week the mystery sign was butterfly! - *Speech and Language Therapy Team.*

Butterfly



## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Spring Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme next week is Jigsaw PSHE 'Healthy Me'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	5th March	All day	World Book Day (mufti day)
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Friday	20th March	All day	Red Nose Day (mufti day)
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip
Thursday	26th March	All day	World Maths Day
Friday	27th March	2pm	End of Spring Term
Monday	13th April	9.25am	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday	22nd April	10.30	Primary parents coffee morning
Monday	4th May	All day	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wednesday	20th May	am	Whole school visit to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	22nd May	3pm	End of Summer Term 1

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

***"I did really good PE at the high school!" Tegan (Monarch Class) at the Secondary Panathlon***

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A massive Papillon 'shout-out' to Tegan, Jenny, Louis, Bailey, Mia and Aiden for their fantastic participation and efforts in the Secondary Panathlon. Pupils participated in skittles, basketball, curling and bean-bag throwing to name just a few. Well done to you all!



## CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is '**Brilliant Bugs**'. Each week, we will explore a different minibeast and share a range of engaging stories, including 'Minibeast Bop' and 'Mad About Minibeasts'. The children will be introduced to new topic-related vocabulary, alongside the appropriate Makaton signs to support their communication and understanding. They will also take part in regular attention circles and enjoy turn-taking games with their peers. Our attention circles will be sensory-based and carefully linked to our topic, as well as to other areas of learning.

In Science, we will be focusing on pushes and pulls. During our weekly sessions, the children will have the opportunity to explore a range of hands-on activity stations designed to encourage curiosity and investigation. These will include exploring magnets, rolling different objects down ramps and across a variety of surfaces, and experimenting with cause-and-effect toys.

Each week, the children will take part in a range of fine motor activities designed to strengthen their hand and finger muscles. These will include posting activities, tracing, threading, and a variety of twisting and turning tasks, all aimed at developing control, coordination, and early writing skills.

Our weekly story sack sessions will be linked to our half-term topic, helping to bring our learning to life in an engaging and interactive way. The children will be encouraged to sit, listen, and actively participate in the story, whether that's dancing along to 'Minibeast Bop' or helping to feed The Very Hungry Caterpillar!

In making, the children will be exploring different colours and materials to create different bugs. Later in the term, they will also enjoy some Easter crafts. During our cooking sessions, we will be encouraging independence when using different utensils and we will explore different foods. They will be making Easter chocolate nests, pinwheels and fruit kebabs.

Our horse-riding group will continue their sessions this half term. The children have all been making excellent progress, and we are proud of their achievements so far. We look forward to seeing their confidence and skills continue to grow. Our community visits will remain on Monday afternoons. During these outings, we will explore local parks, enjoy woodland walks, and visiting supermarkets, providing valuable opportunities to develop independence, social skills, and real-world experiences.

It's going to be a lovely half term.

Lauren and the Caterpillar Class Team

## MEADOW CLASS



Meadow Class topic this term is **'Rumble in the Jungle'** where we will be exploring different animals, climates and books that relate to the jungle. The children in Meadow Class really love having a topic book, so in the first week we will be focusing on the first of our topic books in this area; 'Rumble in the Jungle' by Giles Andreae. The class will learn about the different characters as well as use this story in their other lessons such as making, dance and English. In the second week, we will be thinking about the jungle's environment and climate, and we will be using our first topic book to refer to in topic sessions. The class will also use real world toys and sensory materials to reenact different parts of the story. Then, in the third week, Meadow Class will move onto our next story, 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson and think of the themes and characters of the story. We love a Julia Donaldson book in class so we will be photocopying different pages from this book to support the pupil's understanding of characterisation as well as letter formation and word writing.

Then, as we move into the fourth week, the class will be looking at the last story for our topic of 'Rumble in the Jungle' which is 'Walking Through the Jungle' by Julie Lacome; an amazing story! As we move into the last few weeks of the half term, Meadow Class will be doing some writing, role play and drawing about different stories and animals they love in the jungle. The last few lessons will be based on what we have learnt about in this topic and will ultimately conclude 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The class will also be carrying out some Easter-themed lessons at the end of the term, concluding with a class party to celebrate these!

This half term we will be aiming to visit Jubilee Woods, LIDL supermarket, Banstead Library as well as Preston Park on our community visits. Meadow Class will also have the exciting opportunity to continue visiting Epsom RDA this term on Thursday mornings, and the children will also be going to tennis on Monday mornings with Teresa and Monarch class.

In our maths lessons, Meadow Class will continue following their White Rose Maths where some of them will be looking at bonds to 10 and doubles to 10, odd and even numbers and exploring 3D shapes and others will be looking at position and routes as well as exploring their own patterns.

In the English sessions, some children are continuing to trace over letter formation words, write independently, match words to each other as well as use the topic books as stimulus for role play experiences. Additionally, other children will be focusing on communicating with peers, choosing from two/three options and showing communication between peers. We will also continue to carry out our exciting phonics sessions each week using the Twinkl scheme of work which I know the class enjoy very much, as well as taking part in daily phonics catch up sessions. We will continue to send new books home every Thursday with each child's reading records; it has been lovely to see how much the children have been coming along with their reading as well as communication overall.

The class will continue to carry out the Jigsaw PSHE sessions in class and our topic for PSHE this half term is 'Healthy Me' where the children will be looking at healthier options and different forms of exercise to ensure that a healthy balance is being promoted. For science sessions, Meadow Class will be starting some biology-based sessions and our topics for these sessions this half term will be 'Let it Grow' and 'Animal Detectives' which ties in nicely with our topic of 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

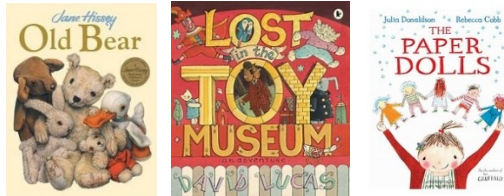
Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions with Teresa on a Monday based on our topic which will include jungle-themed cupcakes as well as an Easter selection of tasting foods and Easter egg nests.

Alex and the Meadow Class Team

## PEACOCK CLASS



Our topic for this term is **'Toys and Puppets'** which we are really looking forward to getting into! In English, we will be studying three key texts: *Old Bear* by Jane Hissey, *The Lost Toy Museum* by David Lucas and *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson. We will be completing literacy activities based on these texts and enjoying the stories together.



In Maths, pupils will be discovering 3D shapes and their properties. In science, we will continue our learning on materials by discovering what is man-made and what is natural. Please see key vocabulary below.

In topic, Peacock Class will be learning about toys from the past and how they compare to modern toys. We will explore the types of toys our parents and grandparents would have played with as children! As part of our learning about puppets, we will learn about 'Punch and Judy' as entertainment from the past and then create our own puppet show.

In Art, pupils will be making their own teddies, sock puppets and wooden spoon puppets as well as a theatre to perform in and other smaller toys. We will also use junk modelling to create our own toys.

In PE pupils will be participating in a gymnastics topic with Charlene. Our Worldviews topic is 'Christianity: What is God like for Christians?' It is the intention of this unit to explore how most Christians see and experience God as a guide and guardian, much like a shepherd is to sheep.

In Cooking we will be continuing to develop our cutting and spreading skills by making different types of pizza's including French bread, wraps and making our own dough.

We are looking forward to a fun half term!

Peacock Class Team

### Key vocabulary

- **material** – what an object is made from



- **natural material** – a material that comes from animals, plants or the Earth



- **human-made material** – a material made by people



- **recycle** – to change rubbish into a material that can be used again

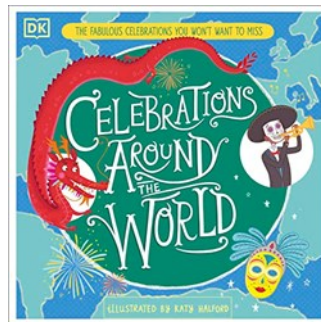


## SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



In Swallowtail, our topic for this half term will be **'Celebrations'**.

In English, we will be exploring five different festivals/celebrations over the course of the half term, looking at a different celebration each week. Our first celebration will be Carnival, looking specifically at the celebrations that take place in Brazil. After that, it'll be May Day, Midsummer, Mehndi (Henna) and Eid. We will look at the different cultures and traditions surrounding each celebration, and the reasons for it. We will be making use of three books to help us with our learning. These are the Big Book of Festivals, Celebrations Around the World and The Great Henna Party.



The Big Book of Festivals and Celebration Around the World contain lots of lovely information regarding the celebration we have chosen to look at, as well as many more. The Great Henna Party is a lovely story about a young girl called Noor who is experiencing a Mehndi party of the eve of her cousin's wedding. We will look at each book where appropriate, depending on which celebration we will be focusing on each week. We, as a class, will be creating a display board that will contain work, information and art about each celebration within our classroom.

In Maths, we will continue with our streamed White Rose curriculum, which for this half term will be looking at fractions and geometry.

For Science, we will be looking at rocks and doing a variety of information gathering tasks and surveys around the school grounds, as well as utilising White Rose resources to assist in our learning.

Our PSHE topic, making use of Jigsaw and its resources, will be around the topic of 'Healthy Me'. Through this, we will be learning about and expanding upon, how we can be healthy in a variety of different ways.

Our Cooking and Art sessions will reflect our topic of Celebrations, and each week we will be cooking a particular food, and making art inspired by the celebration we are focusing on that week. For example, the week we will be thinking about May Day, we will making strawberries (and other fruits) and cream, and making May Day Maypole art, all of which we will display on our celebrations board in our classroom.

We are all looking forward to a fun and eventful half term in the lead up to Easter.

Tom and the Swallowtail Class Team.

## MONARCH CLASS



Our topic for the next few weeks is **'Scouting and Other Leisure Activities'**. Pupils will explore a range of leisure activities linked to scouting and outdoor life including camping, hiking and map reading, water activities, sports and team games, creative hobbies and more adventurous pursuits such as climbing. Each week will build on their topic vocabulary and develop their communication and writing skills through writing simple instructions, recounts and opinion writing. We will learn about the equipment used, key actions involved, basic safety rules and what happens during each activity, while developing our ability to express preferences, describe experiences and record information.

Our focus books for this half term are 'There is a Season' - poems by Kerri Cunningham; 'Max and the Millions' by Ross Montgomery and 'The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.' by Jen Carney.

We will continue with our off-site physical activity and further develop our tennis skills at Ebbisham Sports Centre in the lead up to Easter. For this activity, your child will need trainers, a P.E. top and some tracksuit bottoms **in a named bag** that can be kept at school for the duration of the term.

For our White Rose Maths sessions, we will be continuing to build on our understanding of fractions, identifying halves and quarters, whilst others will be developing their understanding of solving money problems and converting different amounts.

In our White Rose Science sessions, we will be continuing with our chemistry module focusing on materials, identifying different materials and their functions/uses, whilst others complete their module learning about rocks, by conducting a local rock survey before moving on to the biology topic 'Group and Classify Living Things'.

In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Healthy Me'. During these sessions we will develop our understanding of the health risks of smoking and alcohol, recognise and manage feelings linked to peer pressure, and develop assertiveness to make safe, healthy choices. Some of us will also cover topics such as vaccinations, and others thinking about choices we can make to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl Scheme of work, 'Programming with Scratch'. Over the next few weeks, we will learn the principles of coding and develop an understanding of algorithms. We will learn how to create precise instructions for visual working programs, whilst some pupils develop this further by creating animated stories using structured coding.

Our World Views topic this half term is 'Christianity - What do Christians believe about creation?'. We will explore Christian beliefs about creation and the fall, using key texts from the Bible and look at how different Christians understand them. We will also consider how these beliefs influence attitudes towards caring for the world and reflect on how ideas about creation shape Christian lives.

In our cooking sessions, we will be learning to make a range of healthy meals and snacks based on the theme 'Spring into Cooking' including making spring vegetable frittatas and stir fry.

For our outdoor learning sessions, we will base our sessions around the theme 'Exploration and Adventure' and will have lots of fun with some treasure hunts, den building and leisure games.

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 **Medicine Through the Ages**. Each week we will be investigating how medicine has changed and how medical care has evolved. This week we will be introducing the topic. In week 2 we will be looking at medicine in Ancient Egypt and will explore how the Ancient Egyptians used herbal remedies and surgery. In week 3 we will be investigating Roman medicine and public health where we will be discussing how the Roman Empire improved public health through sewage systems and hospitals. In week 4 we will be researching the development of vaccinations, learning how Edward Jenner developed the first vaccine and how this changed disease prevention. Moving into week 5, Admiral Class will be researching modern medicine and technology. We will explore developments such as antibiotics, X-rays, and surgery advances in the 20th and 21st centuries.

As part of our topic, we will be reading books such as 'Kay's Marvellous Medicine : A Gross and Gruesome History of the Human Body' by Adam Kay. A humorous and educational book that explores the history of medicine through the ages. It covers a wide range of topics from Ancient Egyptians' misconceptions about the brain to modern-day medical practices. We will also be reading Roald Dahl 'George's Marvellous Medicine', a funny and wildly imaginative children's story about a boy named George Kranky who decides to teach his grumpy grandmother a lesson. Convinced that her medicine isn't working, George creates his own "marvellous medicine" using a chaotic mix of household ingredients.

In PSHE Jigsaw we will be learning about 'Healthy Me'. Within this unit we will be discussing how we support and look after ourselves, how we look after our health, risks and substances, protecting our physical health, vaccinations and health choices, and peer pressure.

In Worldviews we will be learning about Christianity and what Christians believe about creation. Our making sessions will be linked to our topic where we will be making an Ancient Egyptian healing kit, 3D immune system models and designing and making a skeleton.

In Science this half term we will be learning about nutrition and diet. We will be learning about what food supports and fuels our body, discovering a balanced diet and comparing foods to see what provides more nutrition for the body.

This terms focus in P.E is gymnastics and we will be exploring how the body moves.

This terms ICT focus is Scratch 3 developing games. Learners will develop games in Scratch 3 which involves using block-based coding to create interactive projects by arranging, moving, and scripting sprites on a stage.

For the first two weeks we will be continuing with fractions in our maths lessons, then moving towards starting the money unit.

This term we will be continuing to develop our swimming skills with lessons at Dorking Leisure Centre every Tuesday. Please send in your young person with the correct named swimming kit needed for this activity.

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 **British History**. We will begin by learning about the Battle of Hastings, where students will learn about key figures including William the Conqueror and Harold Godwinson. We will then study life in Tudor England, learning about the reign of Henry VIII. Students will explore what everyday life was like for different people during this period. Finally, we will learn about the Windrush generation, including the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush and the important contributions Caribbean migrants made to British society.

In Maths this term, our focus is Position and Direction. Students will develop their understanding of positional language, such as left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below. They will practise giving and following directions, as well as describing movement including whole, half and quarter turns. We will also explore shape patterns within turns, helping students to recognise how shapes move and change direction. Lessons will include practical activities, and real-life examples to support understanding.

In Science this term, our focus will be on identifying and investigating rocks. Students will learn about the different types of rocks, including igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic, and explore how they are formed. They will examine and compare a range of rock samples, describing their appearance, texture and properties.

In PSHE this term, our theme is Healthy Me. Students will learn about the teenage brain, exploring how it is still developing and how this can influence emotions, decision-making and behaviour. We will discuss practical ways to protect brain health, including sleep, nutrition, managing stress and staying safe online. We will also look at risk-taking and group behaviour, helping students to understand peer influence and develop strategies for making safe, independent choices. As part of this unit, students will be introduced to some basic life-saving skills, building confidence in how to respond in an emergency situation.

On Wednesday mornings, we will continue with our visits to the David Weir Leisure Centre gym, an activity that is very popular with the students. After working out, students enjoy socialising and relaxing with a drink in the café.

Our Enterprise Projects will continue this term, providing valuable opportunities for students to develop vocational, communication and independent living skills. Students will take an active role in running the Thursday Café. This term, they will be making French bread pizzas and experimenting with a range of dessert recipes for staff to enjoy, building confidence in following recipes and working as part of a team.

In preparation for our Easter Enterprise Fair, students will be designing and creating a selection of hand-made products to sell, including tea-light lanterns, coasters, fridge magnets and Easter cakes. Through these activities, they will develop creativity, teamwork and an understanding of basic business skills such as pricing and customer service.

We are all looking forward to another great half term!

Mary and the Emperor Class Team