



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1
Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was great to welcome everybody back to a sunny (mostly) start to the summer term this week. 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 topics underway and community visits resumed. Secondary enjoyed their first tennis session with their new coach, Calum, at Ebbisham Sports Centre on Monday. This is a new off-site activity and I look forward to seeing and hearing about their tennis skill progress over the coming weeks! Special shout out to Jamie in Woodland Class who rode a horse for the first time this week at Epsom RDA! You are a super star Jamie!

Primary Department News

Woodland Class have had a fantastic first week back learning fun and interesting facts about our new topic of 'minibeasts'. We got sticky hands on Tuesday making breadsticks and had a little go at using a noisy blender to make hummus. During PSHE we introduced our new Jigsaw Puzzle 'Relationships' and the children spent some time looking at photos of their families, talking about what they do as a job, and how they help us at home. Woodland Class went to Poundland to buy Lucy a present for her birthday and to Costa café for a snack. We also started our physical activity for the term, horse riding. Everyone did amazingly well, patiently waiting for the correct size hat and for their turn on the horse.

Meadow Class have had a lovely week and are happy to be back at school after the Easter break. They have enjoyed visits to Walton-on-the-Hill Park, cycling and The Court Recreation Park. Meadow Class enjoyed cooking and did some lovely fruit and vegetable printing.

Peacock Class have been discussing their Easter holidays as well as starting their learning about our new topic "Healthy Me". They have made strawberry tarts in cooking and they went cycling in Epsom on Thursday! We have also visited the Inside Out Health Shop in Reigate where the children bought healthy snacks for 'special snack Friday!'

Class Topics

Summer Term 1 (Please see below for an overview of this terms learning activities from each class teacher.)

Woodland Class – Mini-beasts

Meadow Class – My Favourite Food

Peacock Class – Healthy Me

Swallowtail Class – Transport

Monarch Class – Independent Travel

Admiral Class – The Wider Community

Emperor Class – Travelling Around the Local Community



Reminders and Requests

We are looking forward to lots of outdoor activities over the Summer Term. Please can we ask that all children and young people have a named PE kit in school (including a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsoles or trainers) for these activities. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Shopping for presents

Horse riding in the sunshine!



Practising writing



Cooking and cycling in Meadow



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have had lots of fun this week and enjoyed our time out in the community going swimming and playing tennis at Ebbisham Sports Centre. Yesterday we went on the minibus to Dorking Library to look for books for our new topic on transport. We started to think about how trains have changed over the years (steam engines to electric railways), and on Wednesday the children enjoyed making quesadillas in our cooking session.

Monarch Class have had a wonderful start to the summer term. We began the week with our first tennis session which went fantastically, and pupils enjoyed a variety of activities to improve their tennis skills. This week Monarch have also thoroughly enjoyed the beginning our new topic of independent travel, talking about what sorts of skills we need to be able to travel independently. We are all looking forward to a fun filled summer term.

Admiral Class have enjoyed our physical activities this week and had a great time playing tennis at the Ebbisham Sports Centre and swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre. This week we have discussed our topic of 'the wider community', finding out what we have in common in our local communities. In Maths we have been exploring shapes and predicting what 3D shapes will roll down a slope and why some wouldn't. In our cooking session we made cheese twists, the children enjoyed making and eating these. A great start to the new term.

Emperor Class enjoyed their first tennis session on Monday morning at Ebbisham Tennis club which was a huge success. On the most inclement morning, the clouds parted for just long enough to allow them to work with the coach, trying lots of new skills and the class worked enthusiastically making clear improvements in their performance in just half an hour! The new recipes for Class Cafe presented quite a few problems but the experience of the students shone through and they produced an excellent vegetarian quiche and a pesto chicken pasta. With Yara's 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' Victoria sponge to follow, it made an attractive menu. With the improving weather, we are able to get outside to start work on the garden.



Chopping tomatoes ready to be eaten!



Enjoying tennis in the sunshine!



Happy birthday!



Enjoying our first tennis session



Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Woodland**—Jamie for "putting his hat on and enjoying horse riding."
- Meadow**— Joseph for "completing some lovely writing about his favourite foods in English."
- Peacock**— Bailey for "taking part in most activities and having a great time at cycling on Thursday."



Birthdays

Lucy (SNA) celebrated her birthday today and received some fluffy socks, chocolates, a voucher for restaurants and a cow squishy pillow!

Therapy

Well done to Sienna for a great first Speech and Language Therapy session back at school. She showed good attention and participated in all tasks. – *Lilian Prince, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.*

Well done to Gabriel for amazing outdoor learning this week. He is working on filling a planter with gravel and compost ready for planting. *Claire Messom—OT Lead*

IMPORTANT DATES

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over the new Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The theme for assembly next week is St George's Day.



DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	6th May	School closed	Bank holiday
Friday	17th May	All day	Emperor Class train trip
Monday	20th May	am	Year 8 immunisation team visiting
Wednesday	22nd May	All day	Whole school trip to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	24th May	3.00pm	End of Summer Term 1
Monday	10th June	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 2
Monday	1st July	pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	3rd July	pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	8th July	pm	Parents' Evening (apart from Woodland Class)
Thursday	11th July	am	Year 9 immunisation team visiting
Monday	15th July	pm	Woodland Class Parents' Evening
Monday	22nd July	5-8pm	Family BBQ

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"I told you guys, I am an amazing singer!"

Ariya (Woodland Class) singing Disney during assembly.

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WOODLAND CLASS



Our topic this half term is Minibeasts! We have already spotted lots of minibeasts in school and the school grounds and Woodland Class is definitely very familiar with some of them! The children will be learning some Makaton signs to name the names of some of the most common creepy crawlies.

Woodland Class will access horse riding during the summer term at the RDA in Epsom. All children and adults are very excited for this. If you haven't already, please send in a pair of tracksuit bottoms for them to change into for our horse-riding sessions. Tracksuit bottoms will be sent back home every week to be washed ready for the next week.

The children will learn new words and Makaton signs and will practice their writing skills using different writing tools on different formats, such as sand, paper, flour or foam! Children will continue to access the library once a week for 1:1 reading sessions and will continue to look at different books and choose one to take home.

This term we are introducing Mathseeds in the classroom, to enable children to work at their own pace towards different mathematical targets on their individual Mathseeds account. Children will also work towards their targets in numeracy including pattern, playing games which use dice and understanding positional concepts such as in on, over and under. Children will continue to develop their understanding of grouping objects and matching objects and pictures according to different criteria.

Our focus in Science this half term is Biology. Woodland Class will spend some time looking for minibeasts in the school grounds using our magnifying glasses. The children will also learn the names of most common minibeasts and some of their characteristics.

Woodland Class will be learning about relationships during Jigsaw PSHE sessions. These sessions will be Attention Autism based so that children can learn more abstract concepts in an engaging way. The children will have the opportunity to talk about their families and other people they see on a daily basis and learn about healthy and kind relationships.

Even though we have seen big progress in this area, Woodland Class will continue to participate in personal care sessions. Please could we ask that you return the named wash bag with toothpaste, toothbrush and a small towel or flannel to school. Thank you!

During making activities, children will create minibeasts using a variety of materials to decorate our display board such as pipe-cleaner spiders, apple print ladybirds and egg box bees!

We look forward to spending more time outdoors this term looking for minibeasts.

Kris and Woodland team

MEADOW CLASS



Our topic this half term is 'My Favourite Food'. We are very excited to get started with all the fun activities that we have planned. The children will learn vocabulary (including Makaton signs) and complete activities relating our topic.

The children will be going cycling every Thursday this term. Please send in jogging bottoms for them to change into for the session. Our community visit will be on a Monday afternoon this term and we have lots of lovely trips planned including parks, supermarkets and garden centres.

For PE this term we will be focussing on gymnastics and the theme is 'Under the Sea.' We will learn about the importance of warming up and cooling down when exercising. The children will be able to create different shapes with their bodies and improve the quality of their balancing skills on and off apparatus.

The children have been working hard with their Phonics and will be continuing to complete different activities and tasks this term. Every week we will be heading to the library to choose our favourite books to read. The children will continue to work on their letter formation, both lower case and capital letters. They will be writing the recipes of their favourite dinners and making their own recipe books to bring home.

During Maths sessions the children will be working on capacity and will be filling different sized containers to see which holds the most or the least. The children will be walking around school to complete questionnaires to find the most popular food at Papillon and will put the findings into a pictogram. They will be completing different number sentences and working on writing numbers.

Our focus in science this half term is Biology. The children will be planting seeds and observing them over the weeks. They will be experimenting to see whether they grow better outside or inside. We will also be taking flowers apart and looking at the different parts.

As part of their creative development, children will be making a variety of different craft activities that will tie in with our topic. They will be using fruit and vegetable printing and making a food rainbow. We will talk about what we would like to cook in class and if there are any new foods we wish to try. The children will also enjoy different sensory activities and attention circles linked to the topic.

Our Jigsaw PSHE topic this half term is "Relationships". We will talk about relationships with families and with our friends and how we can help and respect others.

We look forward to another exciting half term.

Lauren and Sabrina

PEACOCK CLASS



This half term Peacock's topic is 'Healthy Me' where we will be focusing on the different ways we can stay healthy and have healthier routines! The children will be bringing in their own 'personal care' bags at the beginning of the term and we will be hoping to use those items each morning during a session in the bathrooms next to the classroom. In the first week we will be focusing on healthy foods, discussing those we already know about as well as some we didn't realise were good for us. We will also be touching on different nutrients that help animals to live and grow.

Additionally, we will be commencing cycling sessions on Thursday mornings this term, which I know the children enjoy and it will give them an opportune time to exercise their bodies. We are also going to continue our community visits on Tuesday afternoons to venture to places in the community which relate to our topic of "Healthy Me" such as supermarkets, garden centres and a restaurant! Then in the second week, we will start learning about different types of healthy routines such as brushing our teeth and going for regular walks as part of an exercise regime, and we will be talking about the reasons why this is so important.

In the third week, we will be looking at starting healthy and balanced diets and what this would entail. The children will be using the learning they would have been taught about in week one and two to carry this work out. We will also be discussing the impact of staying healthy and having unhealthy habits in their routine throughout the third and fourth weeks. We will also be thinking about ways in which we can change our unhealthy lifestyles in the fifth week. Moreover, in the sixth and final week of term, we will be using our learning from the past five weeks to think of some highlights of the topic as well as looking at and discussing our (hopefully) more healthy lifestyles.

With regards to Peacock's community visits his half term, we will be aiming to visit LIDL supermarket, Box Hill Nature Trail, Pizza Express Dorking, ASDA and Priory Farm.

In our maths lessons, Peacock Class will be focussing on capacity and measuring different amounts, writing numerals as words, using scales to measure the weight of objects and recording data in tables and block diagrams. In English sessions some children are continuing with 1:1 reading sessions as well as aiming to better their writing through using adjectives, tricky words and continuing to use their Phonics knowledge and skills to identify CVC and CVCC words, blending sounds together to read sentences. Additionally, other children will be focusing on phonemes and graphemes, taking part in discussions, using PECs to make decisions and choices as well as working alongside peers to develop emotional skills. The class will also be reading "Oliver's Vegetables" as part of our healthy food topic in English lessons.

For PE this term, Peacock Class will start taking part in sessions based around gymnastics, and more specifically shapes and shaping of movement where they will be using their already quite capable movement skills to build up to a gymnastics performance in week 6. Some children will also be continuing with their yoga sessions that are always very exciting with Jamie from Cosmic Kids!

Our topic for PSHE this term is "Relationships" and in week 1 we will have a Primary assembly where we will be discussing the topic. For Science sessions, Peacock Class will be continuing our focus on Biology, carrying out lessons which include looking at animals and their bones, blood and other features which allow them to live in their habitats as well as observing others making notes and comparing them with peers.

The class will be making a variety of different creative pieces of work based around the topic of "Healthy Me" including paper plates of healthy food and potato/vegetable printing.

Lastly, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions with Izzy on a Wednesday, including some vegetable and fruit-based delicacies which link to our topic of "Healthy Me"!

SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



This half term our topic is 'Transport', and we will be approaching this topic by looking at how various modes of transport have changed throughout history. We will spend two weeks looking at changes in land travel (such as cars, trains, trams, and bikes). We will spend a further two weeks learning about how air travel has evolved and learning about air balloons, planes and designing our own air ambulance helicopters. For our final two weeks we will look at water travel and how ships have developed over the ages.

This term, our physical off-site activity is swimming. This will take place every Tuesday morning. Please do remember to send your child in on this day with a swim kit inside a named bag. This should include swim clothes, a towel and shower gel. We will also be taking part in weekly tennis sessions on Monday mornings and for this session your child will need navy or black tracksuit bottoms/shorts and some trainers. If you could please send these in (if not already in school) we will keep these at school so they are available each week. Our community visit day has changed this term so we will be going out on the minibus on Thursday afternoons as well as (hopefully) one or two morning trips. These will include visits to local parks and libraries. We also hope to visit some local places of worship to learn about different faiths.

Our Science focus for this half term is Physics and we will be learning about different forces (gravity, and push & pull). We will also observe some changes over time such as watching tadpoles turn into frogs, measuring our height at various intervals and learning about how sound and light travels through various materials. In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be focusing on our new topic 'Relationships'. Some of our weekly focuses include being a good friend, understanding different people's needs and rights as well as focusing on understanding and taking care of our mental health. Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl scheme of work, word processing, and we will be creating Word documents including text and images. We will also learn how to use different features such as spell check, inserting tables and using editing and formatting features to change font styles and to edit pictures.

For our R.E. focus for this half term we will be learning about the 5 K's of Sikhism and learning about what these objects are and their importance to the Sikh faith. We will create PowerPoint Presentations about these important objects and will explore these further in a range of art and design activities.

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

MONARCH CLASS



Our topic this half term is focused on 'Independent Travel'. We will incorporate English, Maths, PSHE and our community visits to support our understanding of different types of transport as well as how to travel on these independently. During the term we will look at buses, planes and trains as well as other ways of travelling independently. Each week we will take an in depth look at how we could travel independently on different forms of transport and the things that are required to keep ourselves safe when doing this.

This term Monarch Class have the opportunity to attend tennis sessions at Ebbisham Sports Club. These sessions will be run by an LTA accredited coach in a beautiful facility. This is a fantastic opportunity for Monarch Class to develop their confidence through sport as well as build on their tennis skills, develop relationships with peers and broaden their exposure to different sports.

During Literacy, Monarch Class will be completing a Phonics lesson each week linked to sounds and letters. The children will be completing different fine motor tasks to support with their writing. We will take a visit to the school library each week where the children will listen to a story and then look at books individually or with a peer or adult. Our literacy sessions will also provide a link to our topic, and we will complete a reflection each week to continue developing our spoken language skills.

During Maths, we will be focussing on developing our understanding of number, continuing to look at multiplication and division and the relationship between these operations. We will use concrete materials to support the developing contextual understanding of number, and how we can use these skills and the strategies we have developed for addition to support our understanding of multiplication and division. In addition, we will begin looking at position and direction and the language we can use to describe these in relation to everyday objects and coding. Finally, we will focus on recording information in different types of graphs and charts, this will directly link to our science topic where we will categorise different objects by selecting our own criterion.

Within Science, we will be focussing on Chemistry, specifically around rocks and different substances. We will begin by gathering a baseline of knowledge of different natural materials and substances and then begin to work on describing, identifying, and sorting these into specific criterion. This will link directly to our statistics and probability area of maths as well as create opportunities for further outdoor learning.

The theme of our PE sessions this half term will be Eco Dance which covers environmental issues to provide stimuli for pupils' learning in dance. Children will learn about transitioning between actions in a dance and how to create a recurring motif. They will develop their use of their spatial awareness and their understanding of timing in dance, as well as the way they create lines and shapes with their bodies.

Finally, in cooking we will be looking at a variety of different foods and we will continue to build on our independence when preparing and creating new dishes.

We are all looking forward a fantastic half-term!

Max

ADMIRAL CLASS



This half term our topic is 'The Wider Community'. Each week we will look at different parts of a community and what makes a community from the people to the shops. We will also look at how everyone's community is different depending on the location that people live in.

Our community visit's this term will be on a Thursday, and we will be visiting a range of different locations. For example, we will be visiting Banstead library enjoying the interactive sensory table. With the weather getting warmer we will be starting to enjoy outdoor trips to locations such as Box Hill and Headley Heath. We will also visit buildings of different religions to learn about different faiths.

We will be continuing with our physical activities this term and will be playing tennis on a Monday and going swimming on a Tuesday. We will be playing tennis at the Ebbisham Sports Centre and swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre. Please send your young person in with the needed items.

Our Science focus for this half term is Physics. Over the next few weeks we will be looking into being safe around electricity and what not to do. We will be working with pliable materials to see if we are able to change the shape of the material using the force from our hands. We will be carrying out an experiment to see how much rain water we can collect in a set amount of time.

In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions this half term we will focus on the new topic 'Relationships' where we will be looking at our relationships with people and what is needed to have a positive relationship.

Our ICT focus this half term is the Twinkl scheme of work modelling 'SketchUp'. Within this unit the children will extend their drawing skills to create 3D models whilst learning to use the software.

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

EMPEROR CLASS



After the Easter break Emperor Class have left the cold winter behind and are looking forward to an eventful Summer term. Some students will be moving on to other places next year and new members will be joining the class so 'Transition' will be a constant theme through the term. Taster visits and classes, the 'Post Papillon Options Event' are typical of the experiences that will help students to prepare for and negotiate the changes that lie ahead.

As with every term, the students will be focussing on topic; this term's is related to our range of modes of transport. 'Trains, Planes and Automobiles' will be investigated and studied. It is a rapidly developing feature of today's world as the drive towards greener options, changes to the types of vehicles we use and the need to look at the environmental and health aspects of travel mean that we must give much more thought to things that we have taken for granted.

There will be community visits related to the topic including an exciting offer from Southeast Communities Rail Partnership which includes an experience in school and an opportunity to go on a rail journey. We will be looking at route planning using tools such as Google Maps to help, looking at timetables for buses and trains and the difference between arrival and departure times.

The class will be completing their portfolios of evidence to be submitted for courses such as ASDAN Personal Progress. Their early submission should enable the students to be presented with their certificates before the end of the academic year. In school, they will be consolidating their newly acquired skills and independence as well as making inroads into the courses they will be working on next.

One aspect of this consolidation of skills and knowledge will be the Enterprise Cafe. They have practiced some more complex culinary skills in recent months. This term we hope to focus more on the 'business' aspects of the cafe with calculations of income and expenditure. They will also work on their customer service skills which will include waiting at table, communication with customers and the presentation of dishes. In doing so, the students will need to employ and hone their functional literacy and numeracy skills in a very practical and meaningful way.

Another exciting innovation this term is the opportunity to join the Ebbisham Centre in Epsom and receive tennis lessons from their professional coach. Our first visit was a great success and an encouraging foundation on which to build through the summer.

We will be building our skills in the horticultural area this term and are looking towards growing flowering plants this year instead of the previous years vegetables.

Best wishes,

Anne & John