



Butterflies Newsletter

September 2024




Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see our returning Year 1 and Year 2 (old Badgers!) Butterflies and also lovely to welcome our new Reception children. This letter is to give you some general information about Butterflies and going forward the Butterflies team will contribute to the whole school newsletter, which is issued every last Friday of the month. This contains information about what the children have been learning and also aims to keep you informed about activities taking place across the school.

Butterflies classes and classrooms

There are three Butterflies classes, please see the table below for location, staffing and children. Movement between the classes is fluid where necessary as the children progress in their learning. The children will come together as a whole class for some sessions such as Forest School and PE. Where appropriate the children will join the mainstream classes for some of their learning and will be invited to join workshops and school trips.

The learning in each class is planned to meet the children's needs and learning styles. Admiral and Monarch Butterflies classes will be following the 'White Rose' maths scheme of work and the 'Read Write Inc' scheme of work alongside the mainstream school. Emperor Butterflies will be focusing on the early years curriculum, learning through exploration and play as well as early literacy and numeracy skills when they are ready. They will also progress onto paired and group work where appropriate and will begin the 'White Rose' maths scheme of work and the 'Read Write Inc' schemes of work. Identified children may learn through specific teaching for children with autism such as 'Attention Autism' and the 'TEACCH' method, which is aimed at developing independence through various hands on tasks.

Class	Teachers	Teaching assistants	Location
 Emperor Butterflies	Mrs Merriman	Miss Curtis Mrs Lewis Mrs Lynn	The building in the playground to the right of the main school building.
 Monarch Butterflies	Mrs Shepherd (Tues-Fri) Mrs Williams (Mondays)	Mrs Deighton Miss Stoner	The portacabin up the ramp and to the right.
 Admiral Butterflies	Miss Castles	Mrs Brown Mrs Smith	The portacabin up the ramp and to the left.
		Mrs Green will be between the 3 classes.	





School day timings

We must stress the importance of a punctual start to the school day. Between 8.40 and 8.50 the children will take part in sensory circuits. The school day starts at 8.50 with the register, days of the week and wake up shake up.



Teachers and Teaching Assistants

The teachers in Butterflies are Mrs Anne-Marie Merriman, Mrs Leigh Shepherd and Miss Castles. Mrs Williams is SENCO for the school and Head of Centre and will be teaching in Monarch Butterflies one day per week. The teachers are supported by a wonderful group of experienced teaching assistants who work alongside the children in the classroom.

Teachers			
<p>Mrs Lucy Williams SENCo and Head of Centre</p> 	<p>Mrs Anne-Marie Merriman Teacher of Emperor Butterflies</p> 	<p>Mrs Leigh Shepherd Teacher of Monarch Butterflies</p> 	<p>Miss Jasmine Castles Teacher of Admiral Butterflies</p> 

Teaching Assistants				
 <p>Mrs Brown</p>	 <p>Miss Curtis</p>	 <p>Mrs Deighton</p>	 <p>Mrs Green</p>	 <p>Mrs Lewis</p>

 <p>Mrs Lynn (ELSA)</p>	 <p>Mrs Smith</p>	 <p>Miss Stoner</p>
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Timetable

Day	Lesson
Monday	Scrapbook Writing - please ensure these are completed over the weekend. Forest School
Tuesday	Morning - Indoor PE
	Afternoon - PPA (see below)
Wednesday	Reading Books changed - although this may be done on a different day depending on timetable for that week.
Thursday	Outdoor PE
Friday	Life Skills

Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy

Our Surrey Speech and Language Therapist, Ms Frances James will work with the children in Butterflies according to each child's individual targets and allocated provision on their EHCP. She is supported by a specially trained Teaching Assistant called Mrs Sian Vander Meersch. Our link OT is Mike Sheppey who works with children who have OT provision in their EHCP.

PPA

On a Tuesday afternoon, the teachers meet to discuss 'Planning, Preparation and Assessment' (PPA). During this time, the Teaching Assistants deliver planned activities for the children.

Reading

Your child will be bringing home reading books, which we will change once a week.

The books will include:

- A 'Read Write Inc' bookbag book, which precisely matches your child's phonic ability, so they should therefore be able to read it.
- A 'Sharing book' with a colour label that they may be able to read by themselves or it may be a book that you will need to read to them.
- A book from the class book corner, which your child will have chosen themselves.



It is an important stage in learning to read that children perceive themselves as good readers and they may well choose books they can "read" again and again. This is to be encouraged and will help to build confidence. We will however be guiding children to try new books when we feel it is appropriate. We may also send home books that the children have taken home previously to build confidence.

Scrapbooks

Your child has a green scrapbook in which we ask you to record something that your child has done at the weekend. This might be in the form of a photo, a leaflet or ticket, a picture your child has drawn or even a sentence written by you about what your child has done at the weekend. The books provide an invaluable link between home and school and form the basis of our Literacy work on a Monday morning so it is really important that they be completed. The children also always love to look back through their scrapbooks throughout the year so they are vitally important.





PE

The children have got PE scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children need to bring their PE kit in at the beginning of term and we will send it home at the end of each half term. Please can you make sure that all your child's clothing is clearly named and is the correct size for them. The PE uniform is: Green shorts, white t-shirt, black plimsolls or trainers, a green tracksuit for outside use when it is cold and a draw string PE bag.



Forest School

Our Forest School session takes place on a Monday afternoon. Unless there are very high winds or thunder and lightning, we go out in all weathers! Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing including a waterproof jacket and trousers and a pair of wellies. Please also provide hats, gloves and scarves when the weather turns colder. Please ensure all clothing and wellies are clearly labelled with your child's name and in a named bag.

Swimming

Unfortunately, we are unable to continue using the swimming pool at Wray Common School due to their timetable changes. We are currently in the process of looking into alternative arrangements and will keep you posted on this.

Update on the build

We are lucky enough to have a new centre being built. You may have seen that we have bricks! The foundations have been now been laid and the walls are going up. We have been told that the building work will be finished in the spring term 2025 and will keep you posted on this.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns or need to speak to a teacher we are available before or after school. You can also contact us via the office email address and your message will be passed on to us: info@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk If you have a quick query, question or need to let us know something about your child for that day please use the Home Contact books that are sent home with the children in their book bags. We will use the contact books if we need to inform you of something that has occurred during the day. You will receive a 'Seesaw' update each day in the form of a message or a picture to update you on what your child has been learning at school.

We are all looking forward to teaching your children in Butterflies this year.

Lucy Williams, Anne-Marie Merriman, Leigh Shepherd, Jasmine Castles and the Butterflies team