

# Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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Dates for your diary:

- Bank Holiday - 1 May
- Coronation Celebrations 2 May
- Wildside Residential (Yr 3 - 4) 4 - 5 May
- Bank Holiday - 8 May
- Walk to School Week 15 - 19 May
- Exmoor Challenge - 20 May
- London Residential (Yr 5 - 6) 24 - 26 May
- Half Term - 29 May - 2 June
- Non Pupil Day - 5 June
- Make the Rules Day - 9 June
- Class Photos - 12 June
- Rainbow Day - 16 June
- Sports Day - 23 June
- Summer Fete - 24 June
- Transition Day - 27 June
- School Play Performances 1.30pm & 4pm - 14 July
- Leavers Church Service 20 July at 2.30pm
- Last day of Term - 21 July

### Stars of the week

Ash: Kate

Beech: All of Beech Class

Cedar: Reuben

Oak: Declan

### Golden Leaves

Ash: Albie

Beech: Mason

Cedar: Harry

Oak: Orion



### Message from Sarah Price

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had an lovely Easter with your families and are ready for the term ahead. This week we launched our new school value. Thank you to all who voted: courage pipped the others with 53% of the vote. This week we have discussed what courage is and different ways in which we can show courage. Going forwards, staff will praise children who have shown courage in different ways and we will celebrate this across the school. At home, you may want to praise courage and the other school values which you see your child displaying. This week we welcomed Mrs Tolen, our new SENDco and I know you will join me in making her feel part of the Sampford family. She will be making contact with parents over this half term but if you need to make contact, please email [sampford@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:sampford@ventrus.org.uk)

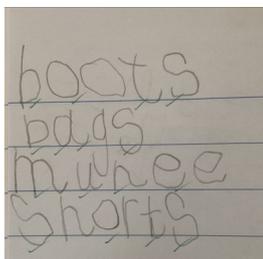
### Willow Class (Pre-school)

Hello everybody, and welcome back to Willow. It has been lovely to see all the children return in such a positive and happy manner. It's been busy from the off. We are settling back into the Willow routine and have been talking about and exploring all the existing and new activities that we are planning for the term (look out for the Tapestry posts). Welcome back, and off we go!



### Oak Class (Reception and Year 1)

What a brilliant first week to the Summer Term Oak Class have had. Within English, we have been reading 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat'. Reception have been writing lists of what they could take with them on their trip and Year 1 have been looking at writing descriptions and exclamations. Over the next couple of weeks we will be using this book to consolidate our understanding of rhyming words and patterns. In maths, Reception have been estimating, looking at number patterns to 20 and challenging a partner to see who can make 20 first by rolling a dice. Year 1 have been looking at time, they have ordered the days and months and have been timing 1-minute and completing various activities during that time. We have also been looking at how we grow in our world and what changes have been made from what we couldn't do as a baby and what we can do now.



### Cedar Class (Years 1 and 2)

This week in Cedar, we have begun looking at some of the stories from the Jewish Tanakh and making links between these and the stories found in the Old Testament. Our focus for this week has been David and Goliath and how it demonstrates our new value of Courage, which we looked at during worship on Monday too. In maths, we've started learning about time, looking at sequencing events, dates and telling the time on clocks to the nearest 5 minutes. Our new text is the Owl and the Pussycat which we will be using to consolidate our understanding of rhyming words and patterns over the next couple of weeks.



### Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

Well Beech Class have had a jam-packed first week back at school! We have started to explore the Firebird text within English, which tells a tale of adventure and romance. Within maths, the children have been working with scales, mass and decimals! On Tuesday, the children travelled to Uffculme School, where they took part in the Quad-Kids activities. Their behaviour was outstanding and they showed an abundance of comradery; we are all very proud of the way they represented the school. Finally, we were blessed with marvellous weather on Thursday and the children enjoyed a fantastic walk up to Connigar Hill.



### Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

What week we have been getting back into the swing of things by focussing on geometry in maths - mainly revolving around (literally) drawing and messing angles. We have begun to investigate our new text: The Mouth Organ Boys - one of a selection of short stories from a book based in the Caribbean. Our new geography topic is focussing again on the continent of South America but this time we will be looking at human features (such as population) as well as the major rivers; this week we looked at the capital cities and largest cities and placed them on a map. In PE we started our striking and fielding unit by breaking down the throwing action so that we throw accurately. Finally, some of the Year 6s have ventured off on their first Exmoor Challenge practice walk around Withypool - using their navigation skills to follow instructions.

