



# Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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Dates for your diary:

Children's Mental Health Week  
7 - 11 February

Dress to Express Day  
11 February

Half Term  
21-25 February

Parents Evening  
3 & 7 March

World Book Day &  
Author Visit  
4 March

End of Term  
8 April

## Stars of the week

Ash: Eva  
Beech: Zoe  
Cedar: Clara  
Oak: Azalea  
Willow: Sidney

## Golden Leaves

Ash: James P, Harry & Dylan  
Beech: James F & Joe  
Cedar: Ava  
Oak: James  
Willow: Freddie

## Stars of the week last week

Ash: Kate  
Beech: Edward  
Cedar: Arno  
Oak: Louis  
Willow: Florence

## Golden Leaves

Ash: James F  
Beech: Aurora  
Cedar: Evelyn  
Oak: Nicholas  
Willow: George



### Message from Sarah Price

I would like to start by thanking you all for your continued support this week. We have seen an increase in cases over the last 7 days with 3 more children in Beech and Ash testing positive today. As stated in our previous communications, we are suggesting that children in these classes take a lateral flow test everyday until cases subside. We know that the current situation may cause some anxiety and we would like to reassure you that we have additional measures in place to try to reduce the spread within our school community. In spite of the increase in cases, the staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that learning continues for those in school and those isolating at home. If your child is working from home and you need to loan a device, please let Mrs Elliott know and she will arrange this for you.

### Willow Class (Pre-school)

Hello everybody, we hope you are all well? It has been a very busy and productive time in Willow class over the last couple of weeks. Our Winter night sky artwork is taking shape with the addition of our amazing junk modelling rockets. We have also been observing the wolf moon that is shining so beautifully now. Thank you for the continued donations of recycled junk modelling. We are creating wonderful models, structures, and sculptures with them.



### Oak Class (Reception and Year 1)

We are really enjoying our poetry work using the book 'What I like!' and have been showing such confidence as we apply our ever-growing phonics skills in both our reading and writing. We always amaze Mr Vernon with the way in which we talk about the vocabulary in our texts. It has been fascinating learning about the history of flight, we were amazed by the plane the Wright brothers invented and just how different it is to what we have today. We are turning into inquisitive scientists and have been very Curious Cats as we have started to explore materials, finding out about the many materials we have around us and the different properties they have. It has also been wonderful to spend time sharing our ideas about how we can further develop how we use our outdoor classroom - watch this space for updates as we introduce some of the children's ideas!



### Cedar Class (Years 1 and 2)

This week we have been looking closely at some poetry from the book 'What I like!'. We have enjoyed spotting patterns in the poems and have created actions to use when we perform these poems. In maths, we have been practising recognising and finding fractions of amounts and in the afternoons we have been thinking about the first flight! We have seen how the Wright brothers created the first plane and we have compared how planes have changed by looking at planes that we use today. We have also had a go at building and flying rockets!



### Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

Year 3/4 have demonstrated some fantastic Resilient Tortoise learning behaviours this week! We've written our own descriptive poems based on A River by Marc Martin, thinking about expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases to build a picture in the readers' mind. In maths, we've applied our work on reading scales to solving problems involving mass and capacity. During geography, we searched through the atlases to locate some of the UK and world's longest rivers, which helped to answer some of our initial questions about the topic. In science, we looked at the difference between open and closed circuits and had a go at creating our own examples of these.



### Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

This week the children have been typing up their narrative poems to create their own poetry book about friendship. I have been SO impressed with the thought that has gone into these poems and some of the poetic phrases and imagery has been amazing. In maths, we have been looking at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. During art sessions, the children have been creating their own William Morris inspired wallpaper designs ready to look at printing them later in the term - so watch this space! In PE, the children have been creating their own dance sequences using clapping and stamping to create a synchronised dance; they are now going to progress this onto creating their own dance - maybe based on their poem! The children have also really enjoyed learning about the Industrial Revolution and wrote some brilliant diary entries from the viewpoint of a child working in a mill - using some of the facts they have learnt brilliantly.

