



Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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Newsletter: 13 January 2023

Dates for your diary:

Children's Mental Health Week
7 - 11 February

Half Term
13 - 17 February

Oak & Cedar Books on display
27 February 3.30 - 4pm

Beech & Ash Books on display
28 February 3.30 - 4pm

Parents Evening
2 & 6 March

World Book Day
3 March

End of Term
31 March

Stars of the week

Ash: Bella
Beech: Sophie
Cedar: Sydney
Oak: Isla
Willow: Merryn

Golden Leaves

Ash: Beau & Oscar G
Beech: Skyler
Cedar: Bertie
Oak: Jaret
Willow: Charlotte



Message from Sarah Price

I would like to start by wishing you all a happy New Year. It is hard to believe that this is only our first full week back as we have packed so much in already.

What a treat it was to see the children so engrossed in the pantomime last Friday. The children were so involved and it was clear to see from their faces that this experience created some fantastic memories.

A new term of learning has begun and your child's class teacher will be sending home a curriculum overview for this term so that you can see what they will be learning this term. The overviews will also suggest some activities to further your child's learning at home. Once the overviews have been sent to you, they will be uploaded to the class section of our website which you can access by clicking [here](#).

Willow Class (Pre-school)

Hello everybody and welcome back to Willow Class. A very special hello to our new families who are joining us this term. It has been a super start to the term and we are all excited about our upcoming play and learning experiences across Willow class and the setting. Welcome aboard!



Oak Class (Reception and Year 1)

Last week, the children did themselves proud at the Robin Hood pantomime, well done everyone. Oak Class have had a fantastic first full week back to the Spring Term. Within English, we have been using the Robin Hood pantomime to help us with our learning, Reception have retold the pantomime and Year 1 have written rhyming couplets. In maths, Reception have been looking at how the numbers 4 and 5 are composed, they have used counters, cubes and objects to find the different ways to make 4 and 5. Year 1 have been looking at the numbers 11-19. Our theme this half term is the weather and climates, the children have been helping set up a weather station role play area and making rain gauges.



Cedar Class (Years 1 and 2)

Cedar Class have come back from the Christmas break ready and raring to go! They've all shown fantastic learning powers, in particular resilient tortoise and curious cat behaviours across all subjects. This week, we began our unit on programming using the buttons to input commands on robot mice (which didn't always result in the expected outcome). Our English has been linked to our pantomime trip through a poetry unit about the legend of Robin Hood. We've been coming up with our own rhyming words, trying to build these into rhyming couplets and some of us have even created verses. In RE, we investigated the parable of the lost/prodigal son and came up with a brilliant, shared definition for what a parable is; a short Christian story that's like a riddle.



Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

What a fantastic week we have had in Beech Class! In maths, we have continued to explore strategies we can use when tackling times table questions (3,4,6,7,9). Within English, we have begun to explore a fascinating book called 'The Intriguing Anthology of Animals'. Within this unit, the children will need a solid understanding of an animal; any research for this prior would be great. The children worked hard in P.E, completing the baseline tests for our new fitness unit of work. Finally, the children enjoyed a magic performance at the Northcott Theatre—they had a marvellous time.



Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

The new year has brought new topics this term and the children will be beginning their new geography topic on Southern American biomes. They have already produced some excellent maps looking at the location of the different biomes. We have also started our new book, Anatomy, which is linked to our work in science on the human body - specifically the circulation and digestive systems. In art, we are combining our new computing skills to produce vector drawings of Islamic geometric designs - both on paper and on computer software. Children from our class have also been participating in basketball and netball events throughout the year and this week saw the final round of fixtures. Miss H and Mr Snow have been really proud of the improvements and determination of the children involved as they have had to learn a new sport during competitive games; you should be really proud of what you all achieved.

