

Dates for your diary:

14 February Non pupil day

17-21 February Half term

25-27 February Y5 London residential

3 March **David Jones-Author showcase** 

5 March World book day/David Jones book signing

**Stars of the Week** 

Lewis: Bella Darwin: Lexi

**Learning Powers -**Golden Leaves

Darwin: Clara

Stars of last week

Drake: Isabella Lewis: Harrison Seacole: Zoe

**Golden Leaves** 

Drake: Leona & Billie Lewis: Maddox Seacole: James F Darwin/First steps: Millie

# Sampford Peverell C of E **Primary School**

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**Newsletter: Friday 7 February 2020** 



### Message from Sarah Price

I would like to give a very warm welcome to Mr Stewart Leaman who has joined us as the Lead Practitioner in First Steps. He is a very experience early years practitioner and is a real asset to our team.

The end of term is fast approaching and please remember that our last day is Thursday 13 Feb

as Friday is a non-pupil day. The children have worked super hard this term and are getting ready for a well earned rest!

#### First Steps

Hello everybody from First Steps,

I would firstly like to say a big thankyou to all the children and families who have made me feel so welcome at Sampford Peverell. It's been a lovely start for me. We have had a very busy time creating and extending our mathematics and literacy play/learning areas. We have been exploring measuring with bricks and blocks and using them to construct and build structures and models.

We extended our mark making and writing stations with notebooks, diaries and chalk boards and we made lists for ingredients and some children were being teachers and taking the register.

We continued with our dinosaur theme and created models with clay which we will continue with next week. Finally, we are starting our "MUSIC and MOVEMENT" sessions in the hall from next week.



#### Reception

Dinosaurs have invaded Darwin Class! The children have thrown themselves into our new topic and learning all about our extinct friends. The role play area has been full of roars and stamping feet, and we have been getting creative with handprint dinosaurs, dinosaur footprints and even some dinosaur still life sketching. The sunny days have given us plenty of time to get outside and some children are determined to dig right down into the gravel pit to find dinosaur bones!



#### Years 1 and 2:

This half term we are learning about the first flight. Over the last couple of weeks we have researched the history of inventors that built the first plane. This week, we have discovered how planes fly and have been experimenting on how to make the best paper aeroplane. Next, We designed our own planes and have been building them ready to see how far they can fly!



#### Years 3 and 4:

In Lewis Class, we have begun learning our new fiction text - Leon and the Place Between. This is a magical and mysterious story that has inspired lots

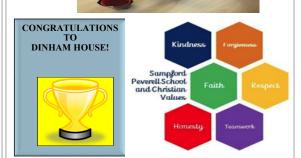
of interesting discussions all week! The question is... Do

you believe?

## Years 5 and 6:

Over the past two weeks Drake class have been focusing on the 'Properties of Materials' as their science topic. During this time, they have investigated: the different types of materials we have in the world; which solids dissolve in water; which materials are good insulators or heat; separating materials through filtering, sieving and evaporating; and also reversible and irreversible change. The children also learnt about predicting, fair testing and how to write a scientific conclusion.

In maths, they have been doing some brilliant work on the links between fractions, decimals and percentages and in English our focus has switched onto writing a ghost story - using 'Art' by Tony Ross as our source material.



If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email sampford@ventrus.org.uk or phone and they will get back to you.