



# Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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## Dates for your diary:

Ash Class to Uffculme to watch Beauty & the Beast  
27 February

Ash Class Walk - 1 March

Aisthorpe & Dinham house books on display in Hall  
4 March 3.30 - 4pm

Paullet & Peverell house books on display in Hall  
6 March 3.30 - 4pm

Parents Evening- 7 & 11 March

World Book Day - 8 March

Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (Year 6) - 15 March

Music Concert - 21 March

Easter Service - 27 March

Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (Year 6) - 28 March

End of Term - 28 March

## Stars of the week

Ash: Henry  
Beech: India  
Cedar: Sydney  
Oak: Theo  
Willow: Lydia & George N

## Golden Leaves

Ash: Lola  
Beech: Amelie  
Cedar: Jack  
Oak: Merryn  
Willow: Otto & Isla



### Message from Sarah Price

Welcome back! We hope the children enjoyed their half term and that you managed to get some time together as a family. At Sampford, we are always keen to offer the children a wealth of opportunities to enhance their experience of school. This week KS2 children had a visit from Exeter Chiefs and we are hoping to have more sessions in the future. In a couple of weeks, it is World Book Day and the children will have a visit from author and illustrator Simon James. Here is a [link](#) to his webpage. Please share with your child and ask them to think of questions they could ask him when he visits.

### Willow Class (Pre-school)

Welcome back! This week the Willow children have been very busy. They have been developing their gross motor skills by jumping, taking part in yoga, and playing freeze games. They have also developed their fine motor skills by using scissors to practise cutting, and engaged with funky fingers before mark making. We have continued our learning about the Chinese New Year and our role play area has turned into a Chinese restaurant. The children have really enjoyed trying to use chop sticks! In the sensory area, the children have been really interested in exploring oats to make shapes and using red playdough to make numbers & follow instructions.



### Oak Class (Reception and Year 1)

We have had a fantastic week back after half term and have leapt into our new topic of Travel. We have learnt about the Chinese New Year and the children have been busy creating colourful Chinese dragons and exploring numbers in Mandarin. As artists, we have enjoyed experimenting with colour mixing using this knowledge to create pictures of fireworks. Although the weather has been mixed this week, we have loved getting outside into the sunshine, where possible, to explore painting, creating obstacle courses and searching for the first signs of Spring. Our book in English is 'Martha Maps it Out' and this has inspired many of the children to make their own maps of places that are important to them. We have begun our topic on great explorers by learning about Christopher Columbus' journey to America with lots of discussion about how different life was 500 years ago and how difficult travelling would have been.



### Cedar Class (Year 2)

Cedar Class have settled back in well after half term and have been working hard to complete assessments in English and Maths. I have been really impressed with how sensibly they have engaged with this. We have enjoyed starting our new English text, 'Tadpole's promise', with the children making some brilliant links to our science from before the break. Maths is all about measurements for the next few weeks, starting off this week by measuring and comparing lots of items in the classroom, including ourselves! They also had a fun art lesson, exploring paint and colour mixing.



### Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

Beech Class have had a marvellous first week back at school and have launched themselves back into their learning with much enthusiasm. Within English, the children have begun to explore our new text 'The Tea Cloud Monkeys' and have enjoyed becoming apprentice tea tasters. Fractions have been on the menu for the children this week within maths, where they have begun to form an understanding of the whole and a fraction being equal parts of it. Finally, the children have been lucky enough to a visit from Exeter Chiefs in which they enjoyed a fun packed afternoon.



### Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

The first week back has been a really busy one with all of our new topics starting up. The children really enjoyed the new rap related music topic with this unit focused around The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air track. We have also started our new writing topic which is based around a reworked and reimagined fairy tale called 'The Sleeper and the Spinner'. The children have been reminding themselves of classic fairy tale stories and using their knowledge to predict the outcome of the book. In maths, we have been continuing our work on the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages with the children drawing links between them. In PE, we were lucky to have Exeter Chiefs come in to run a one-off tag rugby session alongside our new focus on basketball. In science, we are going to be learning about the circulatory system and in history we have completed our first session on the industrial revolution - looking at a timeline of British history and where it fits in with other units we have previously covered.

