

Dates for your diary:

27 January Y5/6 First Aid

4 February Y3/4/5/6 Cage Football at Uffculme

> 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

Drake: Lewis: Seacole

Learning Powers - Golden Leaves

Drake: Lewis: Seacole: Darwin:

Stars of last week

Drake: Josh Lewis: Angel Seacole: Edward Darwin: India

Learning Powers - Golden Leaves

Drake: Jed Lewis: Jessica Seacole: James H Darwin: Skyler

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Message from Sarah Price

Our wonderful PTFA have been busy scanning all the books in the library ready for the launch of Accelerated Reader (AR). AR is a computer program that helps us to monitor and manage your child's reading practice once they move beyond Read, Write Inc. AR will help us to

ensure children are reading books relevant to their stage of development and understanding and will be up and running soon. For more information on AR see link http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader_2016-17.pdf

First Steps

This week First Steps have been very busy learning about all things Arctic. The children have been learning about the different animals that live in the arctic and been carrying out activities to do with ice and the cold. We have also been learning about sizes and what it means if an object is big or small.

Reception

The highlight of our week has been seeing some frost at last! Everyone was so excited to make the links to our learning for our Freezing topic; we went on a whole class walk around the grounds to feel and experience the frosty air. We left a tray of water out overnight to see what would happen and voila! Ice! This has really complemented our crafting of igloos and penguins, as well as our learning around non-fiction texts about the Arctic and Antarctica.



Years 1 and 2:

This week we have been learning a poem by Gervase Phinn. The poem is about noises that you hear in different place. We created actions to help us learn the stanza about the forest. On Wednesday, we performed this poem to Darwin Class. I hope that they enjoyed it! Also this week, we have picked a place in school and listened to the noises that we can hear there; from this, we have created our own stanzas!



Years 3 and 4:

In English, we have been exploring an information text about penguins. The children have enjoyed learning facts about different types of penguins whilst identifying the features of an information text. This helps them to understand what to include when they have a go at writing their own!

We are coming towards the end of our learning of multiplication and division in maths, the children have a range of methods under their belts and are nearly ready to move on to our next topic.

Our brand new curiosity theme learning is all about the water cycle! So far we have started exploring water as a solid, liquid and a gas - have a look on the

website if you would like some activities to do at home.

Years 5 and 6:

This week Drake Class have been using a stop animation app (called iMotion) to create their own animation of the narrative poem they are writing in English. They have story boarded their ideas and begun to create their backgrounds. In maths, we have moved onto the world of decimals and percentages and in science we have moved onto learning about properties of materials. The children have also been creating some wonderful pictures in the style of L.S Lowry - using charcoal and paint.



Sporting Events

The children at Sampford have recently taken part in some competitive sporting events.

Unfortunately the last basketball round of fixtures was cancelled due to poor weather so the league ended with Sampford finishing 4th out of 7 teams despite having played 6 games less (due to missing a week during the Grenville Residential). They finished having only lost two games across 12 games - showing great teamwork and effort all-round.

We have also played 3 competitive football matches against Willand, Wilcombe and Hemyock. These games were a chance for any child interested in playing football to have a go and play. Again, the children in both the Year 3 and 4 and in Year 5 and 6 worked really hard and remained up-beat throughout. Standout performances from Maddox and Noah who played in goal putting their bodies on the line to save countless shots. Special mention to Joe and Oscar for working extremely hard for the team and for being spoken about so positively by members of staff from other schools for their effort.



