



# Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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## Dates for your diary:

Easter Service, Church  
2.30pm - 27 March

Exmoor Challenge Practice  
Walk (Year 6) - 28 March

End of Term - 28 March

Return to School - 15 April

Exmoor Challenge Practice  
Walk (Year 6) - 19 April

London Residential (Year 5)  
1 - 3 May

Exmoor Challenge - 4 May

Bank Holiday - 6 May

Half Term - 27 - 31 May

Non Pupil Day - 3 June

## Stars of the week

Ash: Mary  
Beech: Tom  
Cedar: Hallie  
Oak: William  
Willow: Amber

## Golden Leaves

Ash: Eleanor  
Beech: Jesse  
Cedar: Azalea  
Oak: Sarah  
Willow: George M

## Stars of the week last week

Ash: Ruby  
Beech: Toby  
Cedar: Reuben  
Oak: Isla  
Willow: Toby B

## Golden Leaves

Ash: Bethany  
Beech: Grace  
Cedar: Charlie  
Oak: Douglas  
Willow: Martha



## Message from Sarah Price

What an amazing couple of weeks it has been. Last week, STEM week was a great success and the children really enjoyed learning about space and different STEM jobs.

This week started with pupils in KS2 representing the school in cross country at Killerton. Mr Snow and Miss Hill were so impressed with all the children's attitudes. Each and everyone of them gave their absolute all and they should feel very proud of their achievements. Before they left, we told them to enjoy it, do their best and not worry about their positions. All the children represented our school with pride and we even had a few 1st, 2nd and 3rds places! Last night, we had the music concert which was absolutely fantastic. We have so much talent at Sampford and, as a school, we want to ensure that every child has their moment to shine which is why we want to provide them with a wealth of opportunities.

## Willow Class (Pre-school)

What a busy week it has been across EYFS. The children have enjoyed exploring the start of Spring and beginning to learn about the reason for Easter and why it is important to Christians. They have engaged in lots of Easter mark making and have loved being outside enjoying the spring air and getting active. They have also had fun exploring and creating spring flowers.



## Oak Class (Reception and Year 1)

It has been an extremely busy few weeks in Oak Class. We have enjoyed STEM Week and the beginning of our learning on Springtime. Following our theme of Space in STEM Week, our history and English foci were Neil Armstrong. The children watched clips of the Saturn 5 rocket launch and learned about how we have night and day on Planet Earth. They read books about Neil Armstrong and enjoyed visits from parents and Space Lab. Our provision has focused on space and transport and children have created rockets from our Junk Modelling area; used marbles to create a solar system of planets and wrote about what items they would take to space with them. In Science, we used our scientific skills to sort animals into categories as our topic on 'Animals Including Humans' comes to an end. As we move towards Easter, we have begun to learn about changes to the season and our role play has changed to a flower shop. The children have also practiced still life drawings of Spring flowers.



## Cedar Class (Year 2)

Cedar had a fantastic week during STEM week, and showed great enthusiasm for all our visitors. We learnt a lot about the planets, and have also been finding out about Neil Armstrong and the moon landings. The whole class had a great experience in the visiting planetarium and learnt lots about space. In English, we have been writing sequels to our class book, "Grandad's Camper" and have been thinking about all the places that we could explore in a camper van and what we might do there. I look forward to reading their finished stories! Maths has seen lots of measuring - using jugs, measuring cylinders and beakers to explore volume and capacity. We have been putting our maths skills to the test with word problems to work out the totals, and differences between different volumes. In PE, we have been focussing on throwing and catching, playing lots of different games in groups, and developing our accuracy and skills.



## Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

Beech Class have had a jam-packed couple of weeks! STEM week was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and more importantly it opened their eyes to a world of scientific job roles in the real world. Science week also taught the children the importance of learning from failure and being comfortable with making mistakes. Within maths, the children have worked incredibly hard to understand how fractions link to decimals and have applied their new knowledge to some really tricky calculations. Finally, once again, the children represented the school with courage, pride and determination at the cross country event and did themselves proud.



## Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

Over the past two weeks we have been non-stop learning! We LOVED having all of the visitors in last week during STEM week - inspiring many to want to pursue the STEM subjects further. The children training for the Exmoor Challenge participated in another practice walk - navigating their way up to Culmstock Beacon. The children showed great stamina and an improved understanding of compass and map reading. In class, we have begun our design technology unit where we are designing, making and creating a wooden cam toy linked to our history topic on The Industrial Revolution. In music, we have deepened our knowledge of rap music by appraising The Sugarhill Gang's, Rapper's Delight. We would like to thank Mrs Mlynaska for all her hard work and wish her all the best at her new school.

