



Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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Newsletter: 24 January 2025

Dates for your diary:

Half Term
17 - 21 February

Ash Class Trip to Exeter
25 February

Ash Class Walk - 28 February

Parents Evening
6 & 10 March

World Book Day - 7 March

Exmoor Challenge Practice
Walk (Year 6) - 14 March

Music Concert - 20 March

Exmoor Challenge Practice
Walk (Year 6) - 21 March

Easter Church Service
2.30pm - 3 April

Exmoor Challenge Practice
Walk (Year 6) - 4 April

End of Term - 4 April

Stars of the week

Ash: Bradley
Beech: William
Cedar: Ava
Oak: Theodore
Willow: Daniel / Tommy

Golden Leaves

Ash: Rosie
Beech: Jaret
Cedar: Sidney
Oak: George M
Willow: Toby D

Stars of the week last week

Ash: Zeb
Beech: Jesse
Cedar: William
Oak: Otto

Golden Leaves

Ash: Edward
Beech: Jack M
Cedar: Daniel
Oak: Florence



Message from Sarah Price

It was great to hear that Beech Class had a fantastic day experiencing different sporting activities this week at Blundell's. We know that having positive experiences of sport when young can have a real impact on children continuing to be active into adulthood which is why these days, and events like Sports

Week, are so important for us to facilitate.

Baby News

I am excited to inform you that Mrs Goodchild, who teaches in Oak, is pregnant. She is hoping to stay with us until the end of the Summer Term but we will update you on this at the year progresses. We will soon be advertising for a maternity teacher to teach in early years from September so if you know anyone who may be interested, let them know!

Willow Class (Pre-school)

Dajia hao (hello everyone). We hope you are well? We have been finding out about Chinese New Year across early years and have been linking this learning to our new topic 'All Around the World' topic. To develop our understanding in this area, we taken part in lots of lovely craft activities, watched and practiced some



lion and dragon dancing, and even had the Grandma of one of our pupils send us a lovely video about celebrating Chinese New Year in Hong Kong! Next week we will be performing a lion dance of our own. Xinnian hao/ Gung hei fat choy.

Oak Class (Reception)

In Oak Class, we have been very busy with our 'All Around the World' topic and completing our 'Learning Passports' throughout the week. We have been reading 'Meet the Oceans' in English and learning new information about sea creatures from different parts of the world. With Chinese New Year approaching, we have been learning about China and the traditions that they Celebrate for New Year. So far, we have created collage lanterns, used our construction to build The Great Wall of China and learnt some words in Mandarin. Through 'Understanding the World' we have been learning about where we live in the world and that we live on the continent of Europe. As it is Bird Watch Week, we have also been investigated what birds we could see in our outdoor area and what different birds look like.



Cedar Class (Year 1 and 2)

Cedar Class have settled back brilliantly into the Spring Term with lots of learning and exploring. In maths this week, we have launched into adding and subtracting two-digit numbers



and have had fun using classroom resources to help us understand these important concepts. Having enjoyed reading 'The Bear and the Piano' in our English lessons, the children are now writing their own versions based upon our class version of the story involving a Koala and a guitar! In geography, the class have continued their trip around the world by learning about the different continents that make up our world. In science, we have begun our topic on Seasonal Changes with a search for new life appearing on our school grounds. Some of the eagle-eyed children even found a baby worm!

Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

Beech Class have had a wonderful two weeks at school, full of sporting activities and classroom-based learning. Within English, the children have



been captivated by the mysterious and famous fable of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Maths has been centred around the multiplication of some big numbers and quizzes on their instant recall ability. The children have also enjoyed further coaching from the Exeter Chiefs as well as a trip to Blundell's School to take part in a full day of sporting activities.

Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

Over the past two weeks the children have been completing their writing block based on a book called The Promise. They have learnt about using poetic devices such as: similes, metaphors and personification to enhance their writing as well as alliteration and the power of three. The children have also been creating their own vector drawing using their Office 365 accounts (get them to login at home so that they can show you what they are doing in computing). We have also started to look into the terrestrial biomes of the world in our geography sessions and evolution in science. In PE, Dani from the Exeter Chiefs Women's team came in to deliver rugby sessions to the children - hopefully inspiring more children to take up the sport.

