



Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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Newsletter: 21 May 2021

Dates for your diary:

Break up for Half Term
28 May

Non Pupil Day
7 June

Children Return
8 June

Whole Class Photos
Wednesday 16 June

End of Term
23 July

Stars of the week

Drake: Ewan
Lewis: Oscar S
Seacole: Skyler
Darwin: Harry
First Steps: Azalea

Golden Leaves

Drake: Jessica
Lewis: James F
Seacole: Sophie
Darwin: William
First Steps: Hugh

Stars of the week last week

Drake: Marlie
Lewis: Maddox
Seacole: Zeb
Darwin: Toby

Golden Leaves

Drake: Harry
Lewis: Kate
Seacole: Bethany
Darwin: Evelyn

Please can I remind all parents/carers that if anyone in your household or support bubble develops Covid 19 symptoms, then you must ALL self-isolate until the test result is known.



Message from Sarah Price

Yesterday was World Bee Day and this week for my assembly we learnt about how important bees are to crop production and maintain ecosystems. In Europe extinction threatens nearly 10% of all bee species and on 10 December 2017, the United Nations proclaimed 20 May World Bee Day. To help protect these fantastic creatures you can plant or sow honey plants in gardens, balconies or terraces; set up nesting boxes for bees; use pesticides that are harmless to bees and spray plants in windless weather conditions; avoid mowing grass during the peak flourishing of plants and mow grass in the evening hours. This initiative is called No Mow May and it is hoped that by not mowing your lawn in May it will give pollinators, like bees, more time to undertake their work.

Home learning is an essential part of your child's education and our homework expectation is that children practise their reading, spelling and timestables/counting every day if possible, but as a minimum please can we ask that each of these areas of learning are practised at least 5 times each week.

First Steps (Pre-school)

Hello everybody we hope you are well. We don't let the poor weather stop our play and learning in First Steps. Lots of opportunities for learning in our recycled waterproof aprons. Our caterpillars are in their cocoons and nearly ready to go. Watch this space!



Darwin Class (Reception)

Well, the wet and windy weather we've had over the last fortnight has not dampened our spirits in Darwin Class. Along with the extreme excitement of our caterpillars entering their cocoons, we have been imagining what they may look like when they emerge. The children turned their ideas into wonderful translucent butterfly artwork that glows as the light shines through it; they are all fluttering across our classroom!



Seacole (Years 1 and 2)

This week we have been combining our geography skills with our computing skills. We have been creating maps for our mouse bots to travel around. On our maps, we drew compass roses to help us to remember which way north, east, south and west are. We have been looking at all sorts of robots. Lots of the children brought in robots for us to use. We have talked about how robots are programmed and how they can be used. Programming the robots helps the children learn about the importance of having the steps in the correct order and this is the foundation for learning about algorithms.



Lewis Class (Years 3 and 4)

Lewis class have been using their science knowledge and different skills we've looked at English to help them write about an intriguing animal. We will be combining these into our very own class book...look at next page to see an example! During science lessons, we have looked at the classification of animals and have created our very own classification keys using what we have learnt so far this term. In maths, we've been looking at different methods for multiplication and applying this knowledge to identifying and investigating patterns.

Drake Class (Years 5 and 6)

In science this week the children have been looking and investigating forces. They used Newton Meters to measure the weight of different objects in the classroom and looked at the similarities between the weight and mass of an object. In English we have changed our class text to 'Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions' which we will link to our science and design technology work and hopefully write some cracking explanations of our own. In maths we are revisiting all things fractions: fractions of quantities, equivalent fractions and simplifying. In art the children have been painting some truly wonderful portraits of themselves in the style of Frida Kahlo and will look to present their paintings next week.



Axolotl

These wonderous creatures are exceedingly rare to see with your own eyes, because the only place to find them is in ONE lake in Mexico City. Some people have Axolotls as pets and on the other hand some countries class them as endangered animals. But it will NEVER stop them from being loved by many.

Axolotls come in 5 assorted colours, Golden, Pink, White, brown, and black. Axolotls have a diet of molluscs, worms, insect larvae, crustaceans, and some fish too!

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The sausage-like tentacles on their heads are gills that they wave around to breath. Axolotls may look cute, but they are tough too because they act like underwater servants. If you have them as pets, be careful because some can be cannibals so you might need to separate them if you want/have 2 in one tank. Now, the most mysterious fact about axolotls is that they can replace any part of their body, even a bit of its HEART!



Did you know?

Axolotls can live well over 10 years, maybe even up to 20!

**COOL TO BE ACTIVE...
FUN TO BE FIT**

PRIMARY
SPORTS & EDUCATION

Holiday activities half-term club @

Halberton Primary School: Friday 4th June

Mr Hooper and Mr Jarad from Primary Sports and Education will be running a half-term activity camp for 4-11-year olds between 8am and 5.30pm. These will be specific to government guidelines to include all measures of social distancing and hygiene protocols. Primary Sports have ensured that social distancing measures are in place which works alongside the requirements from the Department for Education and the policies set by Halberton Primary School. Here are the prices per day:

Short Day: 8.30am-3.30pm: £15.00. Long day: 8.00am-5.30pm: £20.00. There is a 10% discount for bookings made with a sibling!

- You can book by email and pay by BACS. Email: greg.hooper@primary-sports.co.uk.
- Make all cheques payable to Greg Hooper.
- We will allocate an arrival and pick up time for each child. These will be no more than 5 minutes apart.
- All Bookings are NON-Refundable.
- The holiday camp is open for ALL.

All coaches present will have a clean DBS through Primary Sports. We ask to make sure that children's belongings are in a bag and that they bring their own hand sanitisers/ wipes if possible, plus their own pencil case. All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear suitable PE Clothing and daps/trainers and provide their own packed lunch with a drink. Warm/wet weather gear and a towel are also advised. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that inhalers are brought with the child and that the coaches are informed of medical conditions. All the sporting activities that are listed below could result in children being injured. Primary Sports and Education will accept no liability. Children must bring SHIN PADS if they would like to take part in Football.