



# Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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## Dates for your diary:

Bank Holiday  
3 May

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: Louis  
Lewis: Matilda  
Seacole: Millie  
Darwin: Arno  
First Steps: Theo

## Golden Leaves

Drake: Lawrence  
Lewis: Henry  
Seacole: Rosie  
Darwin: Isabella  
First Steps: Isla

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

What a wonderful start to the Summer Term. This week, I have had so many children approach me in the playground to tell me about all the reading and spelling's that they have practised over the Easter. It is fantastic to see so many children enthusiastic about their learning and who value the importance of practice. I can't emphasize enough how important practice is and would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our homework expectations. All children are expected to practise their reading, spellings and counting (Reception, Year 1 and 2) or times tables (Year 3 to 6 and any confident Year 2s) at least 5 times each week. Next week, teachers will also send out a curriculum overview for the term which will include some home learning opportunities which we encourage you to do with your child but these are optional.

I would like to finish by saying how proud I am of one of our pupils. James in Year 4 was inspired to sleep outside after hearing about Max who slept outside for a year to raise money for a well deserving cause. This weekend, James will have slept out for a month, raising over £800 for Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT). I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic achievement for someone so young. Well done James!

## First Steps (Pre-school)

Hello everybody and welcome back to the summer term. We have already started to set up and spend time outside and its especially fun with a "there you are" phonics play session. Its lovely to see everyone and we cannot wait to get started for play and learning in the outside space.



## Darwin Class (Reception)

Well, you won't be able to see very much in this week's photo BUT some very exciting new animals have come to stay in Darwin Classroom...they're currently rather small! The whole class is so very excited to welcome caterpillars, which we are going to study, observe, draw, paint and write about as they grow and turn into butterflies. This is kicking off lots of learning about the natural world which we are linking to our growing plants, minibeast hunts in our garden and our wider observational skills. We can't wait to share their progress with you!



## Seacole (Years 1 and 2)

This week we have been reading and sharing poems from the book Zim Zam Zoom by James Carter. We started off the week by thinking about what a poem is and what we like about the different poems. We decided that we loved when poems rhymed! After this, we started to learn some of the different poems and created actions for a performance. We then created a theatre on the field and performed the poems. I was amazed at how creative the class had been.

In our theme we are starting to think about how to keep ourselves safe. We have discussed what the word hazard means and where they might be.



## Lewis Class (Years 3 and 4)

Lewis class have been quick to settle back into routine following the Easter break. We've been revising and applying our understanding of place value through a range of activities including using practical resources to support our understanding right through to exploring patterns and testing our conjectures. In English, we've begun our next unit of work on poetry and have looked lots of different styles of poems all written by Roger McGough. This unit we're thinking about how word choices can affect the feel of a poem, the message it conveys, and how it sounds. Our topic for the next 2 weeks is friendships and relationships and we've been talking lots about what makes a good friend and reflecting on whether we meet our own expectations of being a good friend.



## Drake Class (Years 5 and 6)

This week in Drake Class the children have been learning about Earth Day. In English they have written some Haikus about nature and presented them in the style of our class book 'Earth Verse'. In Maths they have made some fantastic 3D shapes and labelled the properties and have also learnt how to use protractors to measure and draw angles. We have also started our new PE topic this term which is tennis so it would be great if we could see as many children asking to access the tennis courts in the village! Miss Keary has also planned a fantastic activity showcasing the children's artist talents - so watch this space for the installation!

