

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 31st January 2020

Home learning

Reading -

Continue to read your school reading books at home and ask a grown up to write in your yellow reading record. Please make sure you have your reading book in school every day so you can share your book at school.

Art research –

Can you find an artist that uses light in their work? Bring in an example, write about them or perhaps copy their style and paint/ draw a picture to share.

Class news

This week the Year R children have been doing 'Word Time' in Read Write Inc. In Word Time they create words to read using magnetic letters and have been blowing the socks off the Early Years team with their early reading skills, running the sounds together to make whole words (this is called 'blending').

The class has also been visited by Mr Socks, who has been helping them learn the days of the week as well as playing community building games. The children can't quite believe what his favourite food is...do ask them!

It's been a good week to get outside, with the construction and water experiments zones being used to explore floating and sinking.

Year 1 have been exploring non-fiction and diary entries and have loved exploring physical exercise during the daily PE and sports slot.

Attendance

Walnut	Willow
97.3%	94.4%
Oak	Elm
95.4%	98.5%
Beech	Chestnut
97.5%	96.7%

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.
Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.*

Reflections on the week

All of Walnut class have been experimenting with chalks on black paper, doing observational drawings, looking closely to only draw what they see. There are lots of budding artists in the making, and more artist exploration to come in their Learning Journey!

We have continued to unpick the themes in the book 'A Huge Bag of Worries', looking at how by talking about any worries we may have we can help to lose our anxieties.

The Week ahead

We apologise that the Year R Phonics meeting was postponed this week. We would like to reschedule for next Thursday 6th at 3:15, it will last approximately 25 minutes. You will get resources, sources of information and your children will be able to stay (and even take part!) We look forward to seeing you there!



Many of you will have seen Lisa Borrill around our school. Lisa is the Trust Finance Officer. Because ACE Academy Trust is a not for profit educational organisation, Lisa's role is critical - at a time of really intense pressure on school budgets, Lisa works hard to ensure we can enable our children to thrive in school through a rich curriculum of opportunities, resources and provision. When she's not working, Lisa also loves to go running and kayaking in our beautiful Devon countryside!