

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 3/4A: Beech Class

Friday 6th December 2019

Home learning

Please practise this week's spellings, read for 15 minutes each day and practise your times tables on TT Rock Stars.

Please record in your child's reading record book when you have read with them, what book they read and how many pages, as well as how well they did...please include what they did well.

Class news

This week in Beech Class we have started to plan our information text writing about homelessness. As part of this we experienced what it would like to sleep rough. Beech class took to the playground armed with only cardboard boxes and set up camp on the playground. Many children understood how awful it would be to have to live like this. I believe that they responded really well to this experience and has helped them develop even more empathy and compassion as a result. This week's Silver Certificates are for Jasper for excellent note taking in his Learning Journey. And for Jacob for a greatly improved attitude and effort towards his learning.



Attendance

Walnut YR/1	94%
Oak Y2	94%
Willow Y3/4	97%
Beech Y3/4	93%
Elm Y5	99%
Chestnut Y6	98%

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

Reflections on the week

During our homeless experience the children were heard talking about homelessness and saying the following things: "It would be scary", "it would be lonely", "it would be too cold and wet" and "it would be very uncomfortable". They are all very keen to help with homelessness and have suggested many great ways in which we could help.

The Week ahead

We will be continuing to plan our information text about homelessness. Beech class will be looking more at how religions help with injustice and those less fortunate. We will also be starting our swimming lessons on Wednesday 11th December, **please remember to send in swimming costumes and towels for this.**



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Trust news

Many of you will have started to meet Claire Platt, the Trust Director of Education. Mrs Platt's role spans all the Trust schools, ensuring that teaching and learning leads to the highest possible outcomes. Claire is increasingly at Totnes St John's working with our teachers on their own training- developing their teaching skills, sharing great practice and identifying new leaders.