

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Home learning

Thank you to those children who have brought in work to share or posted it on Tapestry this half term - we love looking at them!

Reading-

Over half term please find time to listen to your child read and make comments in their yellow reading record. You may also find time to visit the library or share a book from home. We would love to hear about the books you have read over the holidays!

## Class news

We have been busy preparing for our Art Exhibition this week. We have made our own shadow puppets, written a script, used instruments to create sound effects and made our own light box to perform our puppet show in. We hope you will be able to go along to the exhibition to see our work on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at Birdwood House, Totnes.

In Maths this week, the Reception children have been learning about combining 2 groups to find the whole (simple addition). Please support your child at home with this by talking about addition. E.G "If I have 2 biscuits and you have 3, how many do we have altogether?" The Year One children have been consolidating their learning on addition and subtraction by completing number sentences, part-whole models and bar models. They have explored how subtraction is the inverse of addition E.G  $13+5=18$  so  $18-5=13$ .

There are still a number of children who do not have a full PE kit in school or have a kit but it is un-named and not in a PE bag. Please use the time over half term to check your child's kit, label all items and send it back to school for the first day back. Many thanks.

## Attendance

Walnut – 97.6%  
Oak – 94.2%  
Beech – 97%  
Willow – 98.3%  
Elm – 99.6%  
Chestnut – 98.7%

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

## Reflections on the week

We have lots of children on bronze this week and Zayne has ended the week on Silver!!! Well done to those children who continue to make good choices all of the time.....we DO notice you!!

There are still some children bringing in things from home. Please speak with your child about this, there is no need to bring things in as they often get lost or broken and this causes upset for all involved.

## The Week ahead

We wish you all a very happy half term from all the Reception Team! Enjoy your week off and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Wright will be back teaching Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Mathys will teach Thursday and Friday. Mrs White will continue to be in class every day and the children will continue be supported by Mrs Barlow, Mr Westlake and Mrs Rickard.



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Thank you for all your support this term! We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Whilst we are on half term, do not forget to think about your Roald Dahl World Book Day character costume for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March! We will be holding a whole day of fun-packed reading based events on this day - please see the World Book Day parent letter for details!

We hope you have restful week, and thank you as always for your continued support, the staff of St John's.