

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Elm Class

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Home learning

Home learning is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

All children have a new home learning exercise book and their Times Tables Rockstars login.

Please ensure your child is



practising their times tables.

A special well done to Summer this week, who has really focused on reading every night at home and developing her comprehension skills in class this week! Keep it up!

## Class news

We have had an extremely busy week in Elm class with lots of progress being made towards answering our learning journey question – What can I learn from the voyage of the Mayflower and the people who sailed on her? We have written diary entries from the point of view of real people who sailed on her. Many children wrote about George's character, who fell off the Mayflower during a storm and had was rescued by the crew – very dramatic! This week, Aya and Maisie have worked collaboratively to carry out some research at home and produced a PowerPoint to share with the class. The PowerPoint is going on display in the classroom and already several children have asked if they can read it.



Belle and Phoenix have also enjoyed doing some extra research at home. Belle made a model of the Mayflower including sails and presented her ship with a piece of research she had typed up and printed.



## Attendance

Walnut	Oak
98.3%	98.5%

Willow	Beech
96.7%	93%

Elm	Chestnut
99.2%	94%

Well done again

Elm!

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.

## Reflections on the week

Our metacognition focus this half term is collaboration. In Outdoor Learning with Miss Rickard, Elm class have been den building – just as the pilgrims would have done in the New World 400 years ago. Working collaboratively always comes with challenges but the class are learning how to communicate effectively and compromise. Emily was able to listen to all of her groups ideas and find a way to incorporate them all.

## The Week ahead

PE and Outdoor Learning Kits- including wellington boots - need to be in school every day please. On Monday, the KEVICC netball coach will be teaching PE and netball club will be on after school. We will continue to learn about the Mayflower voyage, with our focus being arriving in the New World and the challenges faced by the pilgrims. The NSPCC will be visiting on Tuesday for a workshop with KS2 and a whole school assembly.



As of next week we will send out our newsletter by email only: we will give out hard copies for those without an email address. Please let the main office know your email as we want to be environmentally responsible and only print what we really need to.

Many of you will have seen Rozel Ridgeway around the school. Rozel is our Trust Business Manager and has many roles that benefit the school including enabling training for teachers and support staff from across the Trust and from other schools, helping to make St John's a hub for great teaching practice in our area.