

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Who has found out a fact about the Mayflower or made Numberblocks at home? Oscar is the only child who has brought in a fact so far and we have had no Numberblocks! Please support your child with this at home.

## Class news

We have seen some excellent learning behaviours this week with most children staying on green and some children reaching bronze and silver!! Let's go for gold next week Walnut Class!!

In Maths this week we have been finding number bonds to 5/10/20. We have used Numicon, multilink, tens/ units rods and part-whole models to demonstrate and record our knowledge, and the Year 1 children have been set some additional challenges!

In English we have been writing facts about the Mayflower and writing diary entries as a Pilgrim on board the ship. We have been super impressed with Lexi, Cheyanne, Ashleigh and Kaitlyn who have completed some of the English challenges this week – well done girls!

We have been able to enjoy our outdoor space this week with the much welcomed drier weather. The children have enjoyed hunting for bugs, water and sand play and constructing with the large bricks. Fingers crossed for more dry weather to come!

## Attendance

Walnut - 96.6%  
Oak – 90.7%  
Beech – 93%  
Willow – 100%  
Elm 99.2%  
Chestnut – 92.6%

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

## Reflections on the week

We have been reading 'The Huge Bag of Worries' this week. We have explored our own thoughts and feelings, talked about how to express them and have discussed how we can show empathy towards one another.

The children have really enjoyed learning a new Go Noodle dance: Zayne, Harry, Shay and Niamh impressed us with their groovy moves!

## The Week ahead

We would like to invite you to a phonics workshop on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 3:15. Mr Funnell will lead a talk about our phonics scheme Read, Write Inc. We will explain what we teach, how we teach it and how you can help at home. We hope to see you there!



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Trust news

Please remember that the car park should not be walked through- please remain on the pavement, not cutting through, as this poses a risk. On another note, many of you will have seen Katie Metherell around the school. Katie is our Trust Human Resources Officer and has quickly become a well-known member of our staff across the school. Her role includes attracting the very best staff from across the Trust and other schools, helping to make St John's the best and most exciting place to come to teach.