

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Willow

Friday 29th November

Home learning

Times Table Rock Stars.
Totnes St John's CE primary
school
Username: Name
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We have been looking at loneliness as part of our new learning journey so if you were able to do some research on loneliness in the UK that would be great.

Keep up the reading. Little and often is most effective.

Class news

This week we started to look at persuasive writing so we can write our own speeches to persuade people to care for others who are lonely. The children identified the main features of persuasive writing. These are rhetorical questions, statistics, facts and opinions. Kaela's opinion is that Thailand is the best place in the world. Keegan said that it is a fact that whales go to warmer water to have their young.

In art, we continued to look at Edvard Munch's the Scream. We explored how Edvard Munch used different types of lines to express emotions and had a go ourselves.

In maths, the year 3 children are still working on addition and subtraction. We have looked at what to do when we have to cross the tens or hundreds columns. Ask your children to show you how to do this. It will really help them to retain this important piece of learning.

Attendance

Walnut – 97%
Oak – 96%
Beech – 89%
Willow – 98%
Elm – 100%
Chestnut – 93%

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

Reflections on the week

We have been thinking about taking care of ourselves, our friends and family and our environment. During outdoor learning we took care of our environment by doing a litter pick. It was amazing how much rubbish we found. I would love to hear tales of our class taking care of people and things at home.

The Week ahead

Next week we will start to look at some of the grammar and vocabulary that is used in persuasive writing. Our learning journals are already looking amazing so it will be great to get some high quality writing in them too.

One of the benefits of having the Trust on site is that our teachers at St John's have been involved in high quality training as part of a training hub now established here in the school. In the past few weeks alone, our Champion Teachers group has been working on developing our curriculum so it is more inspiring, more in depth and has greater coverage of subject areas. Year group teams have also been meeting to develop subject knowledge and share teaching strengths. With the Trust here, there are many new faces coming in and out of our school; starting next week we will outline in Trust News the cross-Trust roles of some of some of our colleagues you will meet.

