

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 10th January 2020

Home learning

Reading -
Year 1 – Please continue to read your school reading books at home. Our reading challenge will begin again next week!

Mayflower research –
Please could you find out an interesting fact about the Mayflower Voyage to bring into school next week. You could print out information from the internet, draw a picture or do some writing.

Class news

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. The children have come back ready to learn and have been inspired by our new Learning Journey question – *What can we learn from the voyage of the Mayflower and the people who sailed on her?*

On Wednesday, the children had great fun dressing up as the Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower. They enjoyed boarding the boat in the hall and taking on the role of one of the passengers. They helped raise the sails, pretended to be sea-sick and even got squirted with water! Back in class, the children built the Mayflower with large bricks and continued with their role-play. Through listening to their interactions, it was clear that they had remembered a lot of facts already! Lily said that the voyage was over 3000 miles and Percy said the voyage took 66 days!

Attendance

Walnut – 99.2%
Oak – 98.1%
Beech – 97.5%
Willow – 96.1%
Elm – 98.5%
Chestnut – 97.4%

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

Reflections on the week

We have been busy tidying and re-organising our classroom this week. We are planning to use the conservatory as a 'work space' and move the role-play area into the classroom. Please bear with us during this time as we take down displays and put new ones up. Our role-play area will become 'The Mayflower'. If you have any costumes or objects that you think we could use, please send them in next week.

The Week ahead

Mrs Rickard will continue to teach PE and Forest School on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their PE kit and Forest School clothes in school at all times and that they are clearly named. Please also remember that our school uniform policy states black shoes, not trainers. If children are walking to school in wellies, please make sure they have some shoes to change into. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Morrisons!

The bag packing some of our children undertook last term helped raise valuable funds of £391 and Morrisons have match funded - so an incredible £782 has been raised! This will pay for a triple composter/leaf mould that Morrisons have kindly agreed to build for us! The match funding is planned for garden resources, materials, seeds, bulbs, plants etc. The Potting Shed in Totnes have also agreed to source the resources at cost and donate the seeds and bulbs etc as a local business which is very kind!!

Last term we also held a wonderful Nativity and Christmas Service. At these events we do ask parents not to post images or video on social media. This is really important as it safeguards children. If images are shared we will need to consider asking for no photos or videos to be taken at all at events, which would be a great shame. Thank you for your support in this matter!

