

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Oak / Y2

Friday 31st January 2020

Home learning



Please help your child with their reading at home and make sure that you date and sign their Reading Record Book so that they get their reward points in class.

Children had spellings late this week (Thursday). We are consolidating spelling rules we've already looked at so some children might remember some of the words.

Class news

Our attendance is getting better but we've still had a few children off this week and quite a lot of lates. Please do try and get your children into school even if they're a bit below par. Children with coughs and colds are still fine to be in school. Obviously if your child has a temperature or is really quite poorly then it is sensible to stay off. Let's hope for good health next week!

I have an apology to make: last week I said thank you to Maci and Megan for working on pages for our class worship book but it was actually Lacey and Megan – sorry Lacey and thank you!

We have started a new learning journey this week looking at the question: *how can I use light to show drama in art?* We've started off by unpicking the question and thinking about the knowledge and skills needed to explore this. Already I have seen signs of amazing creativity from Shiori.

The children were surprised this week when they came in to class to find that their pegs had moved from the corridor to inside the classroom. I think this will work well and it leaves the corridor looking really smart and uncluttered.

Attendance

Walnut 97.3%
Oak 95.4%
Beech 97.5%
Willow 94.4%
Elm 98.5%
Chestnut 96.7%

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

Reflections on the week

In our early morning spelling session I have been amazed by the progress the children have been making and the terminology they are now able to use and apply so brilliantly. For example, Benji was able to say that a sentence that had an exclamation mark at the end was not an exclamation sentence because it did not start with 'How' or 'What'. He said it must be an exclamatory statement instead! Very impressive stuff Benji.

The Week ahead

Next week we will be doing lots of practical art. The children will love this opportunity to be busy artists, learning about art itself and the skills involved in producing a quality piece of art.



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Trust news

Many of you will have seen Lisa Borrill around our school. Lisa is the Trust Finance Officer. Because ACE Academy Trust is a not for profit educational organisation, Lisa's role is critical - at a time of really intense pressure on school budgets, Lisa works hard to ensure we can enable our children to thrive in school through a rich curriculum of opportunities, resources and provision. When she's not working, Lisa also loves to go running and kayaking in our beautiful Devon countryside!