

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 5 - Elm Class

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Home learning

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

Because of Bikeability this week, many of the children are keen to get out on their bikes this weekend – I've encouraged them to ask their grown-ups first and share any of their adventures next week in class.

Phoebe has researched a list of passenger names, who travelled on the Mayflower. We spotted George's 'character' in the list.

Summer and Phoebe have both done some extra homework this week for Play Leaders – well done for using your own initiative girls!

## Class news

Elm Class have had the most incredible week! We've been cycling with Sam, from Bikeability, and developing our skills as Play Leaders with Miss Rickard. In class, we've had an extended art week including building pinhole cameras, learning how they work and studying the Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti.

**Play Leaders** Miss Rickard has been blown-away with everyone's enthusiasm and commitment. She has been particularly impressed with how the children have taken ownership over their roles including several children designing their own games at home and sharing them in school!



On Thursday, the children ran a trial session on the KS1 playground. They selected and organised games for our younger pupils – lots of fun was had and both sets of pupils are excited for this to continue. **Bikeability** Many of the children started the week nervous of cycling but their confidence has grown immensely! A very special mention to Heidi and Josh, who have shown great resilience and tenacity!

## Attendance

Walnut 94.9%      Oak 98%

Willow 91%      Beech 96%

Elm 98.5%      Chestnut 97.3%

Another fantastic week Elm! Well done!

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

## Reflections on the week

### Awards

We can't end the week without celebrating the gold awards achieved this week. These awards are given to children who consistently make our school community a wonderful place to learn and grow. A very special well done to ... (drum roll please!)

Summer, Imogen, Phoebe and McKenzie. These pupils have had an exceptional week!

## The Week ahead

Next week, we will focus on completing our current unit of work in maths as well as completing our written work about the Mayflower. Our photography and art Learning Journey will move on to creating a movement sequence in PE and then using light and gymnastics ribbon to create light and shadows. We will be doing lots of work with charcoal and I suggest that children bring in an old, adults shirt to cover their school uniform.



Sam Ward is the Trust's Food and Nutrition Lead. Sam is often at Totnes St John's working with teachers, children and kitchen staff to develop our curriculum around health and wellbeing. Sam has won many awards for her work with education around food, permaculture and nutrition. She has been instrumental in developing our school gardens area and developing our strategy around improving children's awareness and understanding. Photographs of our Trust central team can be found on the Trust website <https://www.acexcellence.co.uk/our-people>