

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 6 - Chestnut Class

Friday 24th January 2020

Home learning

Well done Chestnuts for preparing and presenting such original and informative home learning projects about the Mayflower Pilgrims – we all learned so many new facts from each other that can now be included in our Learning Journals.

This week's homework supports your recent maths learning about fractions. Please also continue to practise your times tables.

Class news

Over the last few weeks in maths we have been battling with fractions. Mastering equivalence, simplifying, adding and subtracting fractions has not been easy for many students but they have shown a determination to succeed, with fantastic results. Ryley has now moved on to tackling advanced calculations and reasoning questions, whilst Darcey's progress owes a lot to the monumental effort that she has put into her maths learning. Well done!

In our diary writing, we have again focused on characterisation. However, we have also been seeking to improve our grammar and punctuation skills, looking particularly at the different ways that we can separate main clauses, for example with a semi-colon or a conjunction. But never with fresh air! Daisy has worked hard to use a variety of different ways to separate clauses in her diary entries, which has made a significant difference to the flow of her writing.

Attendance

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

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.

Reflections on the week

During class worship this week, Year 6 reflected on our six school values and considered whether they would have been relevant to the lives of the Mayflower voyagers. The children concluded that they would have had as much importance to people 400 years ago as they do to us today. Zach felt that the passengers must have had great courage to set off on such a perilous journey to an unknown destination, whilst Leah said that they must have been sustained through the journey by hope for the future.

The Week ahead

In the coming week, we will continue to explore fractions in maths, focusing on multiplication and division.

A short, but very amusing, story will be the starting point for our writing as we commence a new narrative unit. I hope everyone enjoys it!



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.