

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 5 - Elm Class

Friday 13th March 2020

Home learning

Homework has been set today. It is slightly different to normal so please read it with your child and support them with the activities. Thank you!



One task is due in on Tuesday.... the

children need to ask family and friends to complete a questionnaire. Ideally, they will ask a range of people with varying ages. Please support them with completing this task as it will be used in school next week.

Class news

We've had another very exciting week in Elm! During our English lessons, we've been learning how to take notes and practising this skill in Science. Lots of children recognised it will be a really useful skill throughout their education. In Science, we've begun to unpick the meaning of wellbeing and discussed ways we can research the wellbeing of our community. Lewis B and McKenzie suggested a questionnaire, while Maisie considered an online survey. Aya thoughtfully suggested we presented the data using a bar chart or pie chart. We also began to learn about our blood. Oliver was really interested in the colour of our blood and why it appears blue in our veins – ask your child to explain the colour of blood to you! We've been having a big push on formal methods in Maths and Summer, Phoebe, Heidi and Phoenix have all shown fantastic resilience – keep it up girls! On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have money experts Mr Watson and Mrs Temple visit and teach us about budgets and savings. Everyone enjoyed planning a summer holiday!



Attendance

Walnut 94.6%	Oak 95.6%
Willow 96.5%	Beech 95%
Elm 96.8%	Chestnut 94.8%

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

Reflections on the week

In Class worship on Thursday, we considered why the people of Jerusalem were shouting Hosanna! to Jesus as he entered on a donkey. Evie gave a really thoughtful reflection, *Jesus cherished the people and made them believe that they could be anything they wanted to be.* George said, *He came on a colt to show he was a peaceful king.* Zachariah's prophecy told the people he would be their saviour. Aya linked this to our community and said it would give

The Week ahead

Next week, we will continue with our new Science and PE Learning Journey – learning about the circulatory system and how exercise can improve our physical wellbeing. Please make sure PE kits are in school every day. On Monday, we have an author visiting – please read the email sent home for key information. We are also performing in assembly on Monday – please help children to learn their lines over the weekend.



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Trust news

Dear parents, it is a challenging time for all around the increasing concerns raised by COVID-19. As a school we hold our children, families and staff safety and wellbeing as our key priority.

Please rest assured, we are following events and updates very closely. As a school we receive updates from the Department for Education and the NHS twice a day. For the time being Totnes St John's will continue to remain open. We continue to remind children around routines and duration for washing of hands and have built this into our school routine. If you have any queries please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
Many thanks for your continued support and understanding through this difficult time