

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 5 - Elm Class

Friday 24th January 2020

Home learning

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

Our focus in maths is multiplication and division, and it is very apparent that lots of children are finding timetables tricky. Any spare time (even 5mins!) please encourage your child to use Timetable Rockstars to support closing this gap in their knowledge. Thank-you!

This week, Millie has created a fantastic factual leaflet which answers questions such as, 'Does the Mayflower still exist?' and includes fascinating 'Did you know facts'.

Class news

This week we have had a focus on our written work and applying our knowledge of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. Lewis R impressed us all by including both in his writing as well as an adverb: 'The Mayflower sailed gently across the Atlantic Ocean and landed in the New World.' We took our learning a step-forward on Thursday to learn about relative clauses, which was a bit trickier! However, our resilience and progress was fantastic and we were all soon writing sentences such as: 'The captain, who wore a black hat, used the whip-staff to steer the vessel!' McKenzie applied the word vessel to his sentence after our vocabulary work in guided reading.

During our Learning Journey, we've been analysing historical sources to decide if they're reliable evidence. We've looked at pictures, journal entries and an official document about the Mayflower Compact. Evie used her incredible watercolour Painting, which she did as part of her homework, as a background for her fishbone thinking tool. Isaac and Josh worked collaboratively, discussing the reasons for their reliability rating.



Attendance

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

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

Reflections on the week

This week, Year 5 supported with Whole School Worship. Our focus was peace and we considered how Jesus and his disciples were peacemakers. George, Aya, Phoebe and Jess acted out short scenes that we often see on the school playground. We realised that often we are responsible for bringing to peace to situations that arise through our words and actions.

The Week ahead

Next week, we are starting a new Learning Journey. Please see the letter that has been sent home with regards to some materials the children will need in school next week. We will continue with our diary entries in English and start a new RE unit. On Monday, our netball coach will be in school teaching in year 5 and running netball club after school.



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Trust news

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.