

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 3/4A: Beech Class

Friday 29th November 2019

Home learning

Please practise this week's spellings, read for 15 minutes each day and practise your times tables on TT Rock Stars. Please record in your child's reading record book when you have read with them, what book they read and how many pages, as well as how well they did...please include what they did well.

Class news

This week in Beech Class we have wrapped up our learning of addition and subtraction in maths and will be doing a short block of area and perimeter. We have been learning about how to take notes to gather information for our learning journey question and how to use conjunctions to add extra information into our sentences. Next week we will be starting to plan our final piece of writing to answer our learning journey question and as part of this planning we will be spending some time in the school grounds experiencing what it would be like to rough sleep by using things we can find to build shelter, keep warm and dry.

This week's Silver Certificates are for Leo for showing great courage when faced with a challenge in his maths learning; And for Arlo for consistently being a responsible and curious learner.

Attendance

Walnut – 97%
Oak – 96%
Beech – 89%
Willow – 98%
Elm – 100%
Chestnut – 93%

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

Reflections on the week

When researching homelessness, the children were all very shocked to hear that over 320,00 people are homeless in the UK and that a majority of these are families and young children. Many children commented that they think it is "awful", "sad" and "scary" that this is the case, which again shows just how compassionate the children are becoming.

The Week ahead

We will be starting to plan our information text writing in the coming week, gathering more information about homelessness and poverty to be able to write a powerful piece of writing which will hopefully encourage people to make a difference.

One of the benefits of having the Trust on site is that our teachers at St John's have been involved in high quality training as part of a training hub now established here in the school. In the past few weeks alone, our Champion Teachers group has been working on developing our curriculum so it is more inspiring, more in depth and has greater coverage of subject areas. Year group teams have also been meeting to develop subject knowledge and share teaching strengths. With the Trust here, there are many new faces coming in and out of our school; starting next week we will outline in Trust News the cross-Trust roles of some of some of our colleagues you will meet.

