

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 6 - Chestnut Class

Friday 31st January 2020

Home learning

Keep practising your times tables – we really are getting better week by week. Most children are now quickly recalling multiplication facts to 12; now we need a real push on learning the associated division facts. For example, $9 \times 5 = 45$ so $45 \div 9 = 5$ and $45 \div 5 = 9$.

Don't forget to use Times Tables Rockstars – go into the Studio and you will have access to all the times tables.

Class news

Chestnut Class were extremely fortunate to have Judge Climie working with us again for two afternoons this week, helping us to improve our performance and presentation skills. The judge remarked how much more confident each member of the class seems since his last visit and after two more sessions with him this week, he felt that they had gained in confidence yet again. Judge Climie worked with the children to present extracts from the Mayflower diaries that they have written and he reported that Leah and Leo's characterisations were particularly realistic.



In addition to presenting diaries, Year 6 students have been striving to improve the presentation of their work in their books. Max, in particular, has made great gains with his handwriting this week, producing not only a well presented, but also a well thought out, analysis of an image that we are using as a prompt for our next piece of writing.

Attendance

Walnut	Willow
97.3%	94.4%
Oak	Elm
95.4%	98.5%
Beech	Chestnut
97.5%	96.7%

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.

Reflections on the week

This week we have been getting all motivational in Chestnut Class, looking at ways in which we can help ourselves when we hit a hard spot in our learning. We talked about our dreams, how to work towards them and how to keep focused. As Georgie told us, "Your dream is yours – you have to take on responsibility." It is evident that Alfie has taken on this advice already in his learning this week, producing his best piece of writing so far this school year on Thursday during our English lesson. Well done Alfie!

The Week ahead

We will continue preparing for our next long piece of writing: a narrative inspired by the images and short stories in the Harris Burdick Chronicles.

This week, we have started investigating how light can be used in images to create drama and we will carry on exploring this next week by creating our own images with charcoal, chalk and pastels.



Lisa Borill is the Trust Finance Officer. Because ACE Academy Trust is a not for profit educational organisation, Lisa's role is critical - at a time of really intense pressure on school budgets, Lisa works hard to ensure we can enable our children to thrive in school through a rich curriculum of opportunities, resources and provision. When she's not working, Lisa also loves to go running and kayaking in our beautiful Devon countryside!