

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 17th January 2020

Home learning

Reading

Please continue to read your school reading books at home. Year 1 - Our reading challenge has begun!.....who will be first to win a pencil?

Numberblocks

This week we have watched a couple of episodes of Numberblocks. Please ask your child to tell you about them. Can they make any Numberblocks at home or draw pictures of them to bring in to show?

Class news

What a busy week!

In Maths we have been sorting, naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been investigating number; making numbers with multilink and using 'counting on' as a method when adding two numbers. We discovered that it was best to start with the biggest number, put that number in our head and 'count on', or use a number line.

In English we have been exploring Non-Fiction books. The Year One children were able to identify the features of a Non-Fiction text and sort books into 'Fiction' (story) or Non-Fiction (information). We have been reading 'If you sailed on the Mayflower in 1620' which is a Non-Fiction book, and 'The Huge Bag of Worries', a Fiction book.

We have enjoyed our Physical Development sessions every

Attendance

Walnut – 98.3%
Oak – 98.5%
Beech – 93%
Willow – 96.7%
Elm – 99.2%
Chestnut – 94%

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

Reflections on the week

The children have had great fun dressing up as Pilgrims and playing in our pretend Mayflower boat this week. We have been trying to find out the answers to our questions about the Mayflower through reading books and watching videos. Kaitlyn remembered that the group of people who travelled were called Pilgrims, and Zayne knew they sailed to America. Tyler was able to answer his question about how the boat was steered (with a lever and tiller) and Ava discovered that the toilet was a chamber

The Week ahead

There are still several children with no PE kit or Forest School clothes. Thank you to those who do have these in school. Can we please remind you to name everything! Last term Shay lost his kit - it was fully named but has still not turned up. Please check at home to see if you have taken it by mistake, his mum would be very grateful!

Could we also please remind you to bring your book-bag every day too. We can then change your child's reading book and get any important letters to you safely.



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Trust news

As of next week we will send out our newsletter by email only: we will give out hard copies for those without an email address. Please let the main office know your email as we want to be environmentally responsible and only print what we really need to.

Many of you will have seen Rozel Ridgeway around the school. Rozel is our Trust Business Manager and has many roles that benefit the school including enabling training for teachers and support staff from across the Trust and from other schools, helping to make St John's a hub for great teaching practice in our area.