

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Willow

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

## Home learning

Hopefully everyone should now have their logins to Spelling Shed. We have used it in class so the children know how to use it properly. This is an area that needs to improve generally for the whole class.



Please go on the **sound check** area and start practising for the times tables test.

I haven't seen many people using these very useful resources.

## Class news

This week we have started to learn how to write detailed reflections. It is important that the children understand why we teach them certain skills such as colour mixing and sketching. By writing a reflection it helps them to tune into the reason why we learnt the skill, what went well or not so well and what they would do differently next time. We are also including key technical vocabulary.

The art skills we have learnt this week are observational drawing using light to create shadows, painting sunsets and on Wednesday we had an artist come into school to show us how to use show perspective and make sure our sketches are in proportion.

In maths, we are going to move on to fractions.

## Attendance

Oak 98%

Willow 91%

Chestnut 97.3%

Walnut 94.9%

Beech 96%

Elm 98.5%

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

## Reflections on the week

Well done to Daisy who had a WOW moment in maths this week. Excellent problem solving using multiplication.

## The Week ahead

Next week we will look at the way light can create reflections. We will also continue to write reflectively to ensure deeper learning of the new skills learnt.



Sam Ward is the Trust's Food and Nutrition Lead. Sam is often at Totnes St John's working with teachers, children and kitchen staff to develop our curriculum around health and wellbeing. Sam has won many awards for her work with education around food, permaculture and nutrition. She has been instrumental in developing our school gardens area and developing our strategy around improving children's awareness and understanding. Photographs of our Trust central team can be found on the Trust website <https://www.acexcellence.co.uk/our-people>