

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 22nd November 2019

## Home learning

**Year 1-** If you have been given a speaking part for our Nativity, please practise your words at home. We will be practising in school next week so please remember to bring your words in each day.

**Reception-** please share your letter formation sheets with your families. Can you say the sound and form the letters correctly? Please bring in any work you have done at home to share with us!

### KEEP READING!

Lily, Mia and Keira have now completed the reading challenge – all 3 in one day – well done girls!!

## Class news

In Year One this week we have been focusing on addition in Maths. The children have used their part-whole models to help write addition sentences using the addition and equals symbols. The children were given a challenge to write as many addition sentences as they could using the numbers 0-9 (but only using each number once) – Ava found the most but not all 32! Perhaps you could try again at home Year 1s?

In Reception, we have been exploring 'f' and 'e' in Phonics. We have been using 'Fred Frog' to help us with segmenting and blending CVC words; please ask your child to show you how Fred helps us to do this!

In Maths, the Reception children have focused on the language of 'more than', 'less than' and 'equal to/ the same as'. They have built towers, compared leaves and also each other!

Mrs Rickard brought in some lovely fruit for the children to taste on Tuesday. They used adjectives to describe the appearance and taste of the fruit and enjoyed trying some new food!

## Attendance

Walnut	95%
Oak	99%
Beech	94%
Willow	98%
Elm	99%
Chestnut	96%

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

*Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.*

## Reflections on the week

As part of our Learning Journey question 'How can my words and actions help others in my community?' we have decided to focus on the elderly and how we can help them at Christmas time. The children have explored the words 'elderly' and 'lonely', thinking about the meaning of each word and sharing examples. We sorted photographs into elderly/ not elderly, used adjectives to describe them and discussed similarities and differences. Although the children noticed the grey hair, wrinkles and glasses, we did say that not ALL the elderly have these features!

## The Week ahead

Even though the weather is a little damp at the moment, we are planning to be 'out and about' next week using our lovely school grounds. Please ensure your child has some 'outdoor clothes' in school AT ALL TIMES. These should include a waterproof coat, wellies and waterproof trousers if possible. We do have spare wellies and some waterproofs so please let us know if you would like us to provide these.



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Trust news

This year we raised a fantastic £109.25. This is a tremendous amount so thank you to all our families at TSJ.

You will be pleased to know that our Disco has been arranged for Friday 29th November. It will start straight after school and run until 5.15. Children are allowed to come to school without school uniform ready to party! Entry to the disco is £2.00 and parents are asked to stay with their child/children. More details will be sent home next week.