

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Elm Class

Friday 10th January 2020

Home learning

Home learning is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

All children have a new home learning exercise book and reading book as well as their Times Tables Rockstars login. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables – some children haven't logged



in at home since September!! Knowing these facts off-by-heart has a huge impact on the progress your child will make in all areas of maths.

Class news

Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone! It has been delightful hearing all about the children's holidays. Belle told us, "My favourite part of the Christmas break was spending more time with my family," which many of the children agreed with.

Our learning journey got off to a very exciting start this week with the whole school recreating the epic voyage in the school hall, complete with crashing waves, rolling thunder and a broken mast. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed creating their characters throughout the day.



Attendance

Walnut	Oak
99.2%	98.1%
Willow	Beech
96.1%	97.5%
Elm	Chestnut
98.5%	97.4%

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.

Reflections on the week

Our metacognition focus this half term is collaboration. This week, in every lesson, we have focused on building skills of collaboration such as teamwork, listening, communicating clearly and compromise. Phoenix communicated ideas to Luke and Imogen and they worked as a team to record them. Jess and her drama group ensured that everyone had a role and all ideas were used.

The Week ahead

PE and Outdoor Learning Kits need to be in school every day please. On Monday, the KEVICC netball coach will be teaching PE and netball club starts after school. We will continue to learn about the history of the Mayflower and the people who sailed on her. In maths, we will continue the multiplication and division unit of learning. While in English, we will be writing diary entries, from the point of view of a real person who sailed on the Mayflower.

A huge thank you to Morrisons!

The bag packing some of our children undertook last term helped raise valuable funds of £391 and Morrisons have match funded - so an incredible £782 has been raised! This will pay for a triple composter/leaf mould that Morrisons have kindly agreed to build for us! The match funding is planned for garden resources, materials, seeds, bulbs, plants etc. The Potting Shed in Totnes have also agreed to source the resources at cost and donate the seeds and bulbs etc as a local business which is very kind!!

Last term we also held a wonderful Nativity and Christmas Service. At these events we do ask parents not to post images or video on social media. This is really important as it safeguards children. If images are shared we will need to consider asking for no photos or videos to be taken at all at events, which would be a great shame. Thank you for your support in this matter!



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Trust news