

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 5 - Elm Class

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

## Home learning

Home learning is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. Well done to everyone who has used Time Table Rockstars to practice their timetables this week!

### New Books!

We've had a delivery of new books to Elm Class this week. Everyone is welcome to borrow them to read at home and school!



## Class news

We've had a fantastic week in Elm Class making progress in all areas of our learning! In maths we've developed our understanding of square numbers and can use this knowledge to problem solve. Jess and Summer worked together to answer true or false questions and Heidi was using arrays to help her picture the numbers. Aya supported a group to take their learning forward by teaching them about cubed numbers. The group were able to add and subtract some tricky number sentences after her fantastic teaching!

In English, we've had competition this week to write the description about life on the Mayflower. Lewis R impressed us all by writing some very creative similes using really powerful descriptive language.

Phoebe was a brilliant leader in her group and made sure that everyone got a turn to record their ideas.

We started our new learning journey by learning about light sources and how our eyes use light to see. Tilly reminded the class that the black dot in our eye is the pupil. Kye, Oliver and Isaac worked together to create a table showing different light sources applying their knowledge of the sun being a star.

## Attendance

Walnut	Oak
97.3%	95.4%
Willow	Beech
94.4%	97.5%
Elm 98.5%	Chestnut
	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, Year 5 supported Open the Book with our whole school worship. They performed a short scene about a young woman called Abigail, who showed great courage in standing-up for what she believed in. There was some fantastic acting! Imogen enjoyed playing the part of the carriage driver, while McKenzie played a very convincing 'rough young man!'

## The Week ahead

Next week, we will be making pinhole cameras and learning more about how light is used to create photographs. In PE, the class will create the content of their photographs ready for our shoot. In maths we will be multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 including decimal numbers. In English our focus will be writing in the character of someone who was on the Mayflower.



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Trust news

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!