

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 5 - Elm Class

Friday 28th February 2020

## Home learning

Well done to everyone who has completed their half-term Home Learning – I have really enjoyed seeing your paintings, drawings and photographs of daffodils.

### World Book Day – Thur 5<sup>th</sup> March

Here are some fun and easy ways to join in at home:

- Choose a book from Totnes Library or the school library to enjoy with your family
- Listen to an audiobook, lots can be found here – <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>
- Read a book with a family member and create a potato character

## Class news

**Welcome back!** I hope everyone had a fantastic week off. We started our week by sharing our birthday celebrations, new dogs, trampoline park adventures, sleepover news and visits to see family all over the country – it was wonderful to hear about each other's action packed weeks! Our first week back has also been very busy, as we prepare for our exhibition at Birdwood House.

On Wednesday, local photographer – Tony Platt – supported us with taking photos using the pinhole cameras we made. Oliver and Isaac thought carefully about linking their work back to the Mayflower journey. Influenced by the artist Giacometti, we



created a loose form drawing based on our movement sequence. We were very impressed with Imogen and Evie's drawings. We ended our week by creating foil sculptures. This proved to be a bit tricky but Phoebe, Aya and Maisie showed fantastic tenacity and courage to overcome their artistic challenges and produce amazing work.



## Attendance

Walnut 96.3%  
Oak 97.6%  
Beech 99%  
Willow 98.2%  
Elm 98%  
Chestnut 100%

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

## Reflections on the week

This week, we've been reminding ourselves of our school statement: Spurring each other on with the courage to make a positive difference for ourselves and others.

We've been looking for people, who are sharing words of praise and encouragement. Throughout the week lots of us have become more positive. Emily was heard encouraging Tilly during arithmetic practice and Summer was supporting Phoenix with her writing.

## The Week ahead

Next week, we will be starting a new science Learning Journey. If your child has a lab coat or safety glasses, they are welcome to bring them to school to wear during our experiments. Don't forget World Book Day on Thursday – we're dressing up as Roald Dahl characters and collecting £1 donations for our school library.



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**Trust news**

Next week Teign Trees are carrying out some tree surgery work on our Totnes St John's site. The staff will be working closely following risk assessments from Teign Trees to ensure the work is carried out safely.

Please be especially vigilant on school drop off, pick up, and please be assured that areas will be clearly marked.