

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 6 - Chestnut Class

Friday 17th January 2020

Home learning

The children have told me that they have been busy this week preparing their presentations about the Mayflower and the people who sailed on her. Leo is making an information board, whilst Leah is collaborating with her family to design and create a model. However, you have decided to share your learning, keep on with it this week and please bring it to school by next Friday for our presentation afternoon.



Class news



At the beginning of the week, the children chose which Mayflower voyager they would like to 'become' when writing diaries. During a drama lesson, they explored the personality and behaviour of their character and thought about their possible actions and emotions during the journey. Tyler R expertly took on the persona of William Bradford, the eventual Governor of Plymouth Plantation, by walking proudly amongst the other passengers, whilst Georgie's nervousness about the future was obvious to all. The children have now written their first diary entries, which clearly show their understanding of the historical facts of the journey as well as some of the reasons why people made it.

Attendance

Walnut	Willow
98.3%	96.7%
Oak	Elm
98.5%	99.2%
Beech	Chestnut
93%	94%

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

Reflections on the week

This week, Chestnut children have continued to evidence how, each week, they take on more responsibility for their own learning. A special shout-out has to go to Tyler L for the considerable time that he spends on Times Tables Rockstars at home, and for Ryley who is determined to improve his reading skills by now reading at home every evening. Well done!

The Week ahead

Next week we will continue with our diary writing. We will also extend our journey as historians, using a variety of sources to research the lives of the Mayflower passengers, and the people they meet, as they arrive in the New World.



As of next week we will send out our newsletter by email only: we will give out hard copies for those without an email address. Please let the main office know your email as we want to be environmentally responsible and only print what we really need to.

Many of you will have seen Rozel Ridgeway around the school. Rozel is our Trust Business Manager and has many roles that benefit the school including enabling training for teachers and support staff from across the Trust and from other schools, helping to make St John's a hub for great teaching practice in our area.