

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2019

Class: Year 5 Elm Class

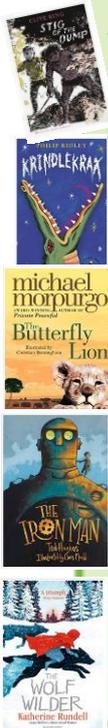
Home learning

We should now be back into a routine with homework being set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

December's Book Club List

Each month Elm class will have the chance to join in with a Book Club List. The aim is to read three books from the list, quiz and then recommend them to a friend. There are raffle tickets to be won for our end of term reading prize.

- Stig of the Dump by Clive King
- Krindlekrax by Philp Ridley
- The Ironman by Ted Hughes
- The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo
- The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell



Class news

Wow! What an incredibly busy week in Elm Class!

We have all been trying to complete our current reading book and start a new one this week. Maisie has enjoyed reading Oliver, while George is reading a gruesome science book about the digestive system and Heidi finished Charlie and the Chocolate [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

Factory. Lots of children are also really enjoying The Treehouse series – Isaac has nearly read two this week! This is a big improvement on last week – well done Elm – keep it up! Swimming was a huge success this week with lots of children making considerable progress. A big well done to Imogen, who is now going underwater and to Luke, who has mastered the front crawl.

Lastly, we are all very much looking forward to our visit to the Totnes Memory Café tomorrow afternoon. Summer has shown a maturity and compassion towards the participants and Aya

Attendance

Walnut	97%
Oak	96%
Willow	89%
Beech	98%
Elm	100%
Chestnut	93%

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

Reflections on the week

This week, we have focused on taking responsibility for our learning through creating joint success criteria for our work. Isaac and Oliver worked incredibly hard in English on Thursday and identified the majority of the success criteria for our letters to the Memory Cafe. Isaac reminded us of the meaning of formal writing and gave some excellent examples of the language we can include. Summer and Heidi were able to remind us of the meaning of recipient and how their address should be presented. Aya explained what subordinate conjunctions are and how they are used to create subordinate clauses.

The Week ahead

Next week, the children will start to read Oliver by Charles Dickens and unpick the injustices of his time to compared to the C21st.

Maths lessons will be a chance to complete our addition and subtraction lessons and move onto multiplication and division. Please can everyone make sure PE kits and coats are in school every day next week. Thank you.



One of the benefits of having the Trust on site is that our teachers at St John's have been involved in high quality training as part of a training hub now established here in the school. In the past few weeks alone, our Champion Teachers group has been working on developing our curriculum so it is more inspiring, more in depth and has greater coverage of subject areas. Year group teams have also been meeting to develop subject knowledge and share teaching strengths. With the Trust here, there are many new faces coming in and out of our school; starting next week we will outline in Trust News the cross-Trust roles of some of some of our colleagues you will meet.