



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Friday 9 th January	Reception classes to visit Birmingham Sea Life Centre
Monday 12 th January	9.00 - 10.30am 2K Family Workshop
Tuesday 13 th January	9.00 - 10.30am 2M Family Workshop
Wednesday 14 th January	9.00 - 10.30am 1W Family Workshop
Thursday 15 th January	9.00 - 10.30am 1S Family Workshop
Friday 16 th January	9.00 - 10.30am RR Family Workshop
Monday 19 th January	9.00 - 10.30am RL Family Workshop
Friday 13 th February	Last day of term

Dear Parents and guardians

We have enjoyed our first week back at school! All classes were wowed by a special circus show on Wednesday morning. 'Kevin the clown' entertained us and made us laugh, especially when he had some of the teachers dress up! There will be some photos on the school website soon, so please keep your eyes peeled. The show was a first-hand stimulus linked to our whole school work on the book 'Leon and the Place Between'.

It is going to be another busy half term. Our teaching student Mrs Asgaar is doing her second placement at another school and we welcome teaching student Miss Williams to class 1W and student Mr Fewtrell to class RR.

Sea Life Visit

The Reception children enjoyed a visit to the Sea Life Centre today as part of their 'Under the Sea' topic. When speaking to the children yesterday, they were most excited about seeing rays and sharks! It is a fantastic way to engage the children's enthusiasm and thirst for more at the start of a topic.

Classes 2M and 1W sporting opportunity

From Friday 16th January until half term, 2M and 1W will have their Friday PE session taught by Mr Freeman, an FA skills coach who is employed by the FA group and based at St George's Park.



We have seen Mr Freeman teach and the children are in for a real treat. They will be covering all aspects of the fundamental PE skills including balance, agility, speed and negotiation as well as working on team skills and relationships in 'games'. The class teachers will be team teaching with Mr Freeman and we hope the children enjoy these sessions. Weather depending, we hope that all sessions will be outside, hopefully on the field, so we ask that for each Friday session, the children in these classes only, bring a pair of trainers, a warm sweatshirt or sweater and a pair of tracksuit bottoms. There will be opportunity for the other year 1 and 2 classes to work with Mr Freeman in the summer term.

Ironkids

Parents can now sign their child up for 'Ironkids' Staffordshire as applications have officially opened. Ironkids aims to give children aged 3-14 the opportunity to lead an active, fun and healthy lifestyle, while also enabling the whole family to feel part of the Ironman action. Families can enter in their junior event of choice, with high demand expected for the Staffordshire event on June 13th. This involves running between 500 meters and 2.5 kilometers according to their age, with each child receiving a special commemorative Ironkids t-shirt in their entry pack and a medal after completing their run to celebrate their achievement. To be part of this local event, please look at the website [Ironkids](#) for further information and online entry.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton
Co -Headteacher

