



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you to the parents of children in RL who enjoyed the workshop on Monday. We know all the children in school have enjoyed sharing their learning with you and hopefully demonstrated just how independent and creative they can all be.

We have had an extremely busy week behind the scenes this week with a new admin server being installed and new workstations in the offices. This now means that, fingers crossed, all of our systems are back up and fully functioning. If you experience any difficulties with emails or texts then please do let us know so that we can sort immediately.

In addition to IT technicians in school all week we have also had the electricians in, rerouting cables ready for the work which is due to take place over the February half term. We are really looking forward to having our internal court yard transformed.

Class 1W

Unfortunately Mrs Walker has had a slight accident, chipping a bone and damaging a tendon in her foot. She is currently reliant on crutches and will therefore not be able to work for the immediate future. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Mrs Lewis will be teaching for the majority of the week in 1W, with Mrs Preston continuing to teach the children on the teacher's planning, preparation and assessment afternoon (PPA time). Mrs Lewis already knows the school well and she is familiar to the children. Mrs Smith and Mrs Preston will also work closely to support Mrs Lewis with the year 1 curriculum and planning.

Miss Williams, the student teacher will now be moving from Mrs Walker's class to Mrs Moore's class for her final 3 weeks with us.

2M and 1W Friday PE skills sessions

A huge well done to all the children in these 2 classes for completely embracing and enjoying the ball skills session last week. Having their PE lesson on the field, in the fresh air and with an FA coach filled them with enthusiasm. We certainly saw some very confident and enthusiastic children and even sides to some children we hadn't seen before. It just goes to show what can happen when you alter the way some subjects are delivered and embrace a different approach. Well done children.

Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 29th January until Wednesday 4th February. The fair will be held in the school library and will be open from 3.00pm until 3.30pm every day. Travelling Books will be sending books suitable for children of both Infant and Junior age and they always have a super range available, with many books in their 'bargain' book range with prices starting from £1.00. The school will be earning a good rate of commission from the fair so we are hoping to be able to stock up our classroom box boxes with some lovely new books afterwards! We are hoping to see as many people as possible popping along to see what is available.

Workers of the week

2K - Two next week

2M - Georgia Waite for a super story using imaginative language - based on 'Leon and the Place Between'.

1S - Jake Boulter for excellent writing about Australian animals

1W - Ethan Wright for excellent writing a detailed factsheet about Australian animals

RR - William Palin for working hard with his Sea Life writing account

RL - Charlotte Carvell for beautiful Sea Life Centre cursive writing

Well done children.

We are working on a new style newsletter and hope that it will be ready to go to press shortly, so watch this space!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

