



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Sea Life Centre

Reception children had a wonderful time last Friday. They saw hundreds of fish, sting-ray, penguins, a turtle, shark, sea horses and found Nemo and Dory! The children were well behaved and a credit to the school. Thank you to all the parent helpers who went on the trip, without whom the trip would not have been possible.



Tesco bid

If you shop at a local Tesco's, hopefully you've seen our funding bid alongside two others. Please drop your token in our box and tell all your friends and family as well!

Notes:

- ◆ There will not be any Country dancing on Monday 15 January due to parent consultations
- ◆ Don't forget the closing date for applications for Reception and Junior School is Monday 15 January
- ◆ Please see attachment for Holiday dates 2018/2019. (Copies available from the school office)

IN BOOKBAGS

- ◆ Sea Life/Legoland Vouchers

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 January—Parent/teacher consultations 2.45pm-6.45pm

Monday 22 January—2M's family workshop

Tuesday 23 January—2W's family workshop

Weds 24 January—1S's family workshop

Thurs 25 January—1P's family workshop

Monday 29 January- RR's family workshop

Tuesday 30 January—RM's family workshop

Tuesday 13th February—village pancake race 11.00am

Friday 16 February—Break up for half term

Maths focus



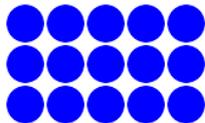
This week in maths:

Reception have been learning all about the number 10. They have been using their fingers to help them find number bonds to 10. They have also been showing ways to make 10 on a 10 frame using two different coloured counters. The children have been using Numicon to find different ways to make 10 and have recorded this pictorially and as a number sentence.

Year 1 this week have been adding one digit and two digit numbers to 20. They have been learning to count on to find the answer using a bead string, a number track and a number line. They have been answering questions such as 'Jo has 13 prize tokens. She wins 5 more. How many prize tokens does Jo have now?'. The children have also been using the equipment to help them find addition number sentences that might be incorrect out of a selection given.

Year 2 have been working on multiplication this week. They have been recognising equal groups and learning that to be equal each group has to contain the same amount. They have then been adding these groups together eg $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$. The children have been recognising the multiplication symbol (\times) and relating this to the repeated addition number sentence eg $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$ is the same as 4 groups of 2 is 8 or $4 \times 2 = 8$. They have been introduced to arrays to help them with their multiplication as shown below.

This array would show



$$5 \times 3$$

$$3 \times 5$$

$$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3$$

$$5 + 5 + 5$$

PTA News

Calendars - We have a few calendars left over from the Christmas fayre. If you would like one they can be bought from the office for £5 and are a lovely memento, as well as being very useful for classmates' names and birthdays!!

Second hand uniform - We have quite a lot of good quality, second hand uniform available at the moment. We are going to trial a different way of selling it through a request system on the PTA Facebook page and through the PTA email (thomasrussellpta@gmail.com). Previous second hand uniform sales at school have taken a lot of time to organise as the uniform has to be stored off-site, and due to work and other commitments there is never a time that suits everyone. If you would like to buy anything please specify exactly what you would like, particularly what age, and we will do our best to source it for you and bring it to school.

Item costs are: £2 for jackets

£1 for jumpers, cardigans, trousers, pinafores, skirts, p.e bags

50p for t-shirts, shorts



Stars of the week

Rosie Evans Elsie Woodings
Rosie Gadsby Annelise Smallman
Scarlett Forden Daisy Crowden
Sid Sherratt Evie Nicholls
Flora Hanstock Jude Pick
Isabel Simons Laura Godfrey
Ethan Finch



Family Workshops

Our popular family workshops take place soon, when the pupils and staff will be welcoming parents and other family members into school to join them for a typical lesson. Workshops start at 9.15 and last about an hour—please see 'Dates for your diary' section for all class dates.

The Book fair is on its way...

We will be having a book fair in school, arriving on Tuesday 30 January and open daily until Tuesday 6 February. This is a great fund-raising opportunity for the school, as well as a chance for parents and children to see some of the newest books available, as we receive commission on every book sold. More details to follow.



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer