



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Sensational Sealife!

Our Reception classes have spent this week doing lots of activities and work based on "under the sea" and learning about different sea creatures. The teachers and children were happy to see that the turtle now has a mate and delighted to see the penguins, seahorses, starfish and a giant ray fish! The children were amazed looking up in the tunnel at the shark and turtles swimming over-head. The children also enjoyed watching the "Splash and Bubbles" film by Jim Henson in the 4D cinema.



Family Workshops

Don't forget the family workshops that are being held over the next week or so. Each one starts at 9.15am in the school hall and will last about an hour.

Monday 21 Jan-2M

Tuesday 22 Jan - 2W

Wednesday 23 Jan - 2F

Thursday 24 Jan - 1S

Friday 25 Jan - 1P

Monday 28 Jan - RR

Tuesday 29 Jan - RM

These sessions are a great way for parents and other family members to find out more about how a typical lesson is taught and a chance to see and use some of the resources we use in class. It will also give you ideas and hints on how to support your child's learning at home.

Dates for your Diary

Workshops—see panel on left

Tue 29 Jan - PTA meeting

Fri 1 Feb - NSPCC Number day Non-Uniform Day

Thu 7 Feb - Parent Consultations 1.30-5.30pm

Mon 11 Feb -Parent Consultations 2.45-6.45pm

**Fri 15 Feb -Break up for half-term
& PTA disco**

Tue 26 Feb - Back to school

Fri 15 Mar -PTA Film night

Thu 11 Apr -2pm Easter church service

**Fri 12 April -Easter Bonnet parade & activities
& break up for Easter**

Mon 29 April - Back to school

Mon 6 May - School closed



Book corner

Over the next few weeks we are hoping to make some book recommendations for you and your child to enjoy together. We will also be asking the children to contribute to this section of the newsletter so watch out for information next week to explain how they can do this.

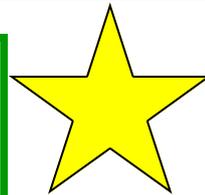


Our first book this week is called 'The Last Chip' by Duncan Beedie. This story is all about Percy the pigeon who is facing a very hungry life on the streets, until a friendly stranger offers him her very last chip.....



Cooking up a storm!

Members of last term's cooking club were on hand to model the smart new aprons which have been made for us by Mrs Gwynn. Miss Pearson's club was a great success, giving the children the opportunity to learn new cooking skills while also learning about recipes, healthy eating and following instructions. We will run the club again in the autumn.



Stars of the week

Mollie Crisp
Finnian Conlon
Arthur Newton
Ethan Holland
Matthew Parkhurst
Florence Marston
Samuel Dierker-Duncanson
Harry Campion
Rosie Evans
Giles Taberner



NSPCC Number Day - Friday 1st February 2019

This is another event that we've taken part in over recent years, and this year is no exception! The day is to celebrate maths and raise money for the NSPCC, and is always enjoyed by the children. Following on from last year's success, we're asking the children to make a model or picture of their house number at home and bring it in on the day for class-room activities. If your house doesn't have a number, just pick one! It's also a non-uniform day with a numbers theme - anything with a number on - in return for a donation to the NSPCC. Thank you!

Maths focus



This week in maths:

Reception have been looking at measuring length and height this week in maths. They have used maths vocabulary such as long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest, tall, taller, and tallest. They have been using different objects and comparing these with objects from around the classroom describing if they are taller or shorter. The children have also been measuring the height of different children in the classroom using art straws, glue sticks, cubes, chalk and pieces of paper. They have also measured pencils using non-standard measures making sure that they made estimates of how long they thought the pencil would be.

Year 1 have been adding and subtracting one digit and two digit numbers this week to 20. They have been subtracting on a number line and then checking their answer using Numicon. They have been answering word questions such as 'There are 12 red and blue cars in the car park. 5 of them are blue. How many are red?' The children have been finding the related number facts for addition and subtraction fact families. For example if the children know that $12+4=16$ they could also work out $4+12=16$, $16-4=12$, $16-12=4$, $4=16-12$, $16=12+4$.

Year 2 have continued to work on division this week in maths. They have been learning how to divide by 2, 5 and 10 and then show the inverse for their calculation. For example if they know that $12\div 2=6$ they could also do $6\times 2=12$. They have also been learning how to recognise odd and even numbers by focusing on the final digit of the number and also recognising that even numbers can divide equally by two.

In your book bags

- ◆ PTA Dvd Christmas play (if ordered)

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer