

Russell Street School Newsletter



Summer Term 2021



Message from our Headteacher

What a super Summer Term we have planned. After school clubs for Years 1 and 2 start again this term, please remember to book places online if you wish your child to attend these clubs. Premier Education now run our Before and After School Care, offering flexible booking and flexible hours. Some very exciting opportunities are talking place to enhance our curriculum, many of which are listed in this newsletter. Please read your child's weekly overviews sent every Friday, as many more things are planned and this is how they will be shared with you.

Working with SMSG, we currently plan to hold Sports Days this year. This will not be a whole school event to ensure children are kept in bubbles – details will follow closer to half term. We will also contact Year 2 parents closer to half term once we know how we will be able to recognise our children and families who are leaving us in July.

Parents' Evenings take place online this week (Tuesday and Wednesday). Please remember to book sessions online.

Whilst the government have eased some of the restrictions placed on schools, we ask you to still follow the four instructions below to keep everyone safe on the school grounds:

	<p>Wear masks on the school site. (unless you are exempt)</p>		<p>Only enter the school grounds at your designated times.</p>
	<p>Keep moving. Please collect your child quickly and leave the school grounds.</p>		<p>Keep your distance from everyone apart from your own family members.</p>

Please remember that everything we do is always fully explained on our website.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson



White Rose Maths –Support for Parents

White Rose Maths have teamed up with TV presenter, teacher and parent Michael Underwood to bring you a mini-series called Maths with Michael. White Rose Maths understands that many parents feel like maths has changed and can sometimes find it difficult to keep up to date with modern teaching methods in maths.

Episodes can be viewed here [Maths with Michael | White Rose Maths](#) and will give you an introduction to place value, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and algebra.

Summer Curriculum Units

The curriculum area of our website has a wealth of resources to support your child’s learning.

Thank you Stony in Bloom for supporting our Reception Unit – Errol’s Garden.

Nursery

Occupations (First Half Term)

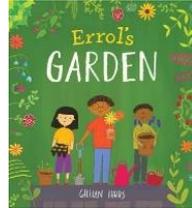


Seaside in Summer (Second Half Term)



Reception

Errol’s Garden (First Half Term)



Minibeasts (Second Half Term)



These units last for the whole term

Year 1
Out of Africa
AFRICA



Year 2

Location, Location, Location
(India)



Deaf Awareness Week 2021 May 4 – May 9

This year our focus is sign language. We will learn to finger-spell our names as well as learn how to sign some key words and phrases.



Pyjamarama is back for 2021! Friday 14th May

Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, and fundraising to make sure every child gets their bedtime story.

Children around the country, in schools and nurseries, and at home, will be spending the day reading, enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of their pyjamas. Donations to BookTrust to help all children have access to stories and to reading (suggested £1) will be collected on the KS1 playground gate. Children may come to school wearing their pyjamas/onesies for the day. Outdoor shoes must be worn.

Professor Bubbleworks – Friday 28th May – Key Stage One

Professor Bubbleworks has designed a really exciting and engaging workshop in line with the theme from the British Science Association ‘Innovation for the future’ for 2021, and is eager to introduce this to our young professors. Our young professors will experience exciting demonstrations and introductions to a wealth of science knowledge throughout the day.



The Queen’s Birthday

We will be celebrating Her Majesty’s birthday, but remain respectful of the Queen’s wishes after the death of her husband, HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Further details to follow.



World Oceans Day - Our ocean is our future – Tuesday 8th June

When we think of public health risks, we may not think of the ocean. Increasingly, however, the health of the ocean is intimately tied to our health. Some organisms discovered at extreme depths are used to speed up the detection of COVID-19, and it is the environment that could give a solution to humankind. This is one of the multiple reasons why we are celebrating World Oceans Day: to remind everyone of the major role the oceans have in everyday life. They are the lungs of our planet, providing most of the oxygen we breathe.

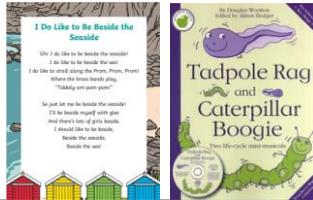
African Dance Workshops – Year 1 – 18th June

To enhance their learning about Africa, all Year 1 children will be taking part in African dance workshops given by the company Primary Workshops for Schools.



World Music Day – Monday 21st June

We will be celebrating World Music Day in school by watching and listening to music as well as learning songs associated with our summer units of work.



Metamorphosis with the Live Butterfly Garden – Nursery and Reception.

Nursery and Reception children will have the opportunity to watch caterpillars change into chrysalides and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies that are then released into the wild. This process takes between 3 and 5 weeks. If you would like to try this at home, home kits are available from <https://www.insectlore.co.uk/>



Wrap Around Care – Breakfast and After School Clubs

Premier Education have now taken over the running of our before and after school care and offer a much greater level of flexible booking. Premier staff have been working in school over Easter making changes to improve the provision on offer.



After school clubs start this week. Please book all clubs online. All clubs finish at 4pm.

Monday – Year 2 – Football – Premier.
Wednesday – Year 2 – Art Club – Mrs Croxford.
Wednesday – Year 1 – Play Active – Premier.
Thursday – Year 2 – Play Active – Premier.
Staff running clubs will tell you how to collect your child at the end of their club.

National Primary School Offer Day – Friday 16th April

New Reception parents and current Year 2 parents should receive confirmation of your Reception and Year 3 places today.

If you have any concerns/questions, please contact Milton Keynes Admissions –

Education Access Team

Telephone 01908 253338

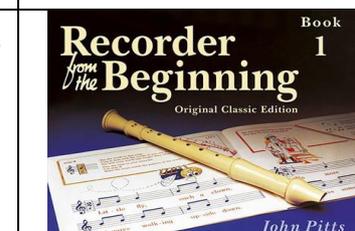
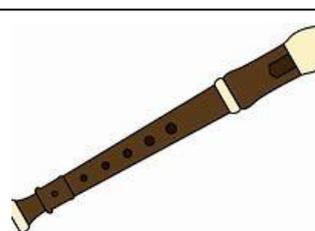
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Continuing this term.....



Forest School continues for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.



Recorder lessons continue for all Year 2 children. If you would like your child to practise at home, we teach using the 'Recorder from the Beginning Book 1'. You will need to purchase a recorder for home use. If you feel your child has shown a real interest in learning the recorder and would like them to have music lessons in Year 3, the flute and oboe use exactly the same fingering as the recorder.

