

# Russell Street School

## Newsletter



Spring Term 2021



## Message from our Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to school. We are incredibly grateful that you have all made such a dedicated effort to interact with and complete our home learning with your child/ren. As well as being able to see the fabulous work completed at home though the emails sent into school and work returned, it has also been wonderful to see the art projects displayed in windows and photographs of peas growing. Thank you for enthusiastically completing the home learning projects set over half term. The children are incredibly proud of their work.

Parents' evenings will not take place before Easter. We need to spend time teaching and assessing the children to be able to feedback to you accurately about your child. Parents' meetings will take place as soon as we return to school after the Easter holiday.

Please remember our four importance instructions to keep everyone safe on the school grounds:

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

This newsletter contains a brief summary of some of the school improvements being introduced across the school this term. Everything we do is always fully explained on our website.

Kind regards  
Mrs Robinson



**White Rose Maths – Workbooks to support parents**

White Rose Maths have produced a number of free maths booklets covering every area of learning. The booklets are available from Year 1 to Year 6. Use the following link to access this resource. [Parent Workbooks | White Rose Maths](#)

Nursery  
Traditional Tales

Reception  
Once Upon A Time

**New Curriculum Units**

During the autumn term we rewrote our curriculum. Our curriculum is now planned and sequenced so that new and ambitious knowledge and skills build. Knowledge and skills are taught progressively and are explicitly revisited over time to ensure in-depth knowledge is gained. Our skills and knowledge overviews and new teaching units can be found in the curriculum area of our website. Our Curriculum policy and teaching and learning policy, also found in this area, will explain in detail our teaching approach. The curriculum area of our website has a wealth of resources to support your child's learning.

Year 1  
Moon Zoom

Year 2  
The Victorious Victorians



Thank you to you all for the wonderful projects that have been sent into school. The children spoke with great enthusiasm about making them and are very proud to see their projects on display.

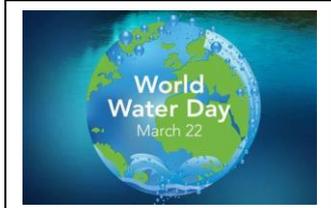
**Living Eggs**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Eggs will be in school once again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This is a super yearly activity that takes place for Reception children. Living Eggs provide a happy, safe and ethical experience that encourages learning covering science, life cycles and caring for animals. See our Twitter feed for the day by day hatching and growing of our chicks.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief**

Children may wear non-uniform with items of red clothing (if possible). Donations will be collected on the Key Stage One gate. A Just Giving page will also be available.



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – World Water Day**

The theme this year is valuing water. We will be learning about how people value water for all of its many different uses. The aim is to create a more comprehensive understanding of how water is valued by different people in different contexts so we can safeguard this precious resource for everyone.

**RM Maths for Year 1 & 2 – Reception children will receive logins to this after Easter**

RMeasimaths is still available for your child to use at home. The site id is: russell03. Passwords have been sent by ParentMail



**Home - Turn On The Subtitles** – 30 minutes a week!

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of a child becoming good at reading**†. †Based on an academic study of 2,350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone. But when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70%.

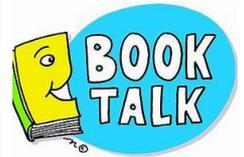
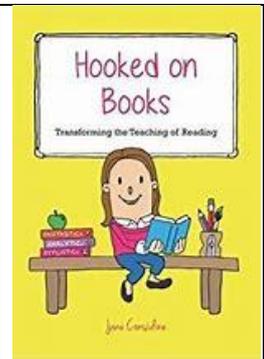


**School Library**

We realise that due to children working in bubbles, they aren't able to visit our school library, so we have brought our library to them! Book trolleys have been purchased for all year 1 and 2 classes. These have been filled with many exciting new books to share. EYFS have made fabulous story telling boxes for children to share.

Quality learning needs to build on existing knowledge. We build a 'secure' memory by actively and repeatedly relating new information to what we already know.

We know the above is vital to quality learning and have completely reviewed our 'Hooked on Books – Book Talk' teaching across the school based on this knowledge. A selection of the fabulous quality books the children will now be experiencing are below.



**A HUGE thank you – Stony Stratford High Street Project**

We wanted to raise the importance with our children about supporting their local community and have developed our EYFS outdoor area into Stony Stratford High Street. Our community have been overwhelmingly supportive and have provided us with all of the resources we need for learning. Our current provision is Odell's, Willis Flowers and The Bean in Stony. Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our school. We would like to thank Ian Freemantle – a local designer, for designing and building this learning area for us.



**Forest School – Outdoor learning**

Thank you to all of community members who have given us some fabulous outdoor learning supplies. Stony in Bloom and our Parents Association have provided some wonderful growing opportunities.

All children will be able to experience Forest School activities within their bubbles between now and the end of this academic year.

**Community Art Activities**

It has been wonderful to see so many of our families taking part in our community art projects. Thank you for the many photographs that have been sent into school.



**Don't forget - Royal Academy of Arts – Summer Show** - Who can take part? Students aged 5-19 studying in the UK or attending a British school overseas can enter artworks. Submission closes 26 April 2021 Judging May 2021. Online and onsite exhibitions open 11 July 2021. See our website for more details.



**Premier Education** will be running our wrap around care after Easter. As long as government guidance does not change, they will also be offering after school sports clubs for year 1 and 2 bubbles of children until 4pm in our school hall after Easter. Further details will be sent by Premier.