

Russell Street School Newsletter

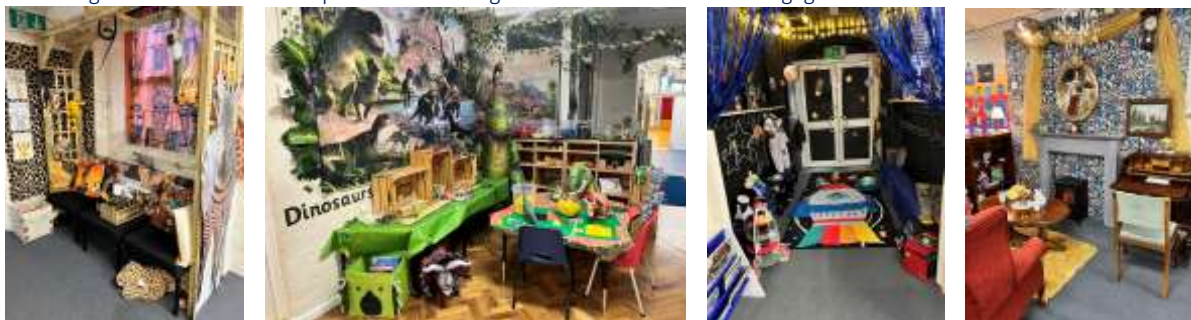


Spring Term 2 2024



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We are all looking forward to brighter weather and more outdoor education. We have been working hard to continue to improve our learning environments to increase engagement and to further enhance the learning.



For the rest of the academic year we will be concentrating on improving our outdoor learning and environments. Our fabulous PA are raising money for improvements to the lower playground and Mrs Clack is fundraising for Forest School by holding afterschool marshmallow toasting and hot chocolate sessions. Congratulations to Mrs Van Rooyen who was successful in her Tesco grants for schools bid of £1,500. Thank you to everyone who posted blue tokens in Tesco for us.



An example of a possible improvement to our lower playground.

If you work for a business that you think may be able to help us raise money for any of the above, then please do get in touch with Sarah or Ali in the office (office@russell-street-school.co.uk, 01908 563148).

This newsletter contains a brief summary of some of the events happening across the school this term. Further information about everything we do is always contained on our website and is sent to you in our weekly Sways.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson

Explorer Dome – Year 1 – Wednesday 28th February

Explorer Dome: Space Show

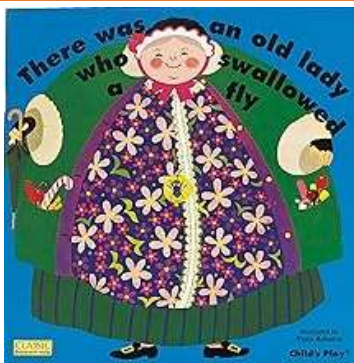
The awe and wonder of space in a Dome! A story-telling introduction to the earth, moon, sun and stars. Children will learn that the sun is a star, find out why the sun moves across the sky, look for different phases of the moon and discover how to spot the pictures and stories in the stars.



Reception Theatre Visit – Friday 1st March

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly...

One of the world's best loved nursery rhymes is being brought to life just in time to celebrate the **50th anniversary** of Pam Adams' best-selling book!



The songs in the show including *If You're Happy and You Know It*, *Incy Wincy Spider* and many more are available to sing along to on The People's Theatre Company's website at www.ptc.org.uk so why not have a listen so you can join in when you visit the theatre.



Book Fair – 4th-7th March

We are excited to invite you to our book fair, which will run from 4th March - 7th March 2024 (in school), bringing you an unbeatable range of the latest and best children's books.

There will be something for every pocket in the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. Approximately 30% of titles are under £5.

Please use the link below to look at an example of the books typically available.

[Scholastic Shop - Scholastic Shop](#)

Oliver - Theatre Company production in school – Wednesday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day, a theatre group will be performing an adapted version of 'Oliver' in school during the morning, and running workshops with Year 2.



World Book Day –

(This is being celebrated on Wednesday 6th March)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT DATE TO WHEN OTHER SCHOOLS MAY BE CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY (7th MARCH).

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Linked to our theatre visit, children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from 'Oliver'. Year 2 will already have Victorian clothes from their Holdenby House Trip. Year 1 parents – if you are purchasing a costume, we suggest you buy a slightly oversized costume, as your child will be able to wear this again in Year 2 when they learn about the Victorians.

Nursery and Reception children are invited to wear their PJs and bring their favourite bedtime story on World Book Day.



Watch and listen to some authors read their own books:

[👤 We're Going On a Bear Hunt 🐻 | BOOK | Kids' Poems and Stories With Michael Rosen - Bing video](#)
[Time for Storytime: My Hair with Hannah Lee - YouTube](#)

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar read by Eric Carle | Waterstones - Bing video](#)

[Julia Donaldson reads What The Ladybird Heard - Bing video](#)

[Stick Man by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler - Julia Donaldson stickman - Bing video](#)

[Beware Of The Greedy Highway Rat! 😊 | Gruffalo World | Compilation - Bing video](#)

[Jez Alborough reads Where's My Teddy - YouTube](#)
Signed stories – learn new signs:

[The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister - Signed Stories - Sign Language | BSL | SSE | Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

[Not Now Bernard by David McKee - Signed Stories - British Sign Language - BSL | SSE | Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

[Signed Story - Handa's Surprise - British Sign Language \(BSL\)/SSE - YouTube](#)

British Science Week – 8th-17th March

The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Time!' It's the 30th anniversary of British Science Week – we are celebrating this huge milestone by thinking about time since the world began, and looking to the future!



Professor Bubbleworks – Friday 15th March

At the end of British Science Week, we will be visited by the team at Professor Bubbleworks. In order to explore the 'Time' theme for 2024, they have devised some fantastic science demonstrations such as exploring the perception of time, experimenting using a candle and balloons to demonstrate the different ways materials respond to heat. There will also be a demonstration using the popular Airzooka to show principles of air pressure and motion, providing insights into how air speed can be measured and perceived as well as hands-on rocketry activities that delve into the principles of force, motion, and speed measurement, connecting these to real-world physics applications.

International Day of Maths – Thursday 14th March

The 2024 challenge is to **add mathematics to an everyday thing or place** and **share a photo** of your creation. Everyone is invited to participate! Play with mathematics!



Red Nose Day – Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

Children may wear non-uniform with items of red clothing as well as official Comic Relief clothing. Donations will be collected on the Key Stage One gate, Reception gate and Nursery door.

Living Eggs – Monday 18th March

Living Eggs will be in school once again from 18th March. This is a super yearly activity that takes place for children. Living Eggs provide a happy, safe and ethical experience that enables children to learn about life cycles and caring for animals.



Parents' Evenings – 19th and 21st March

19th March - 3:00-6:00pm – meetings held in school.

21st March - 4:00-6:00pm – meetings held online.

Booking information will be sent one week before this event.

Please do not worry if for example you wish to have a meeting and all of these sessions are booked, we will arrange an alternate time with you for you to see your child's teacher.

World Poetry Day – Thursday 21st March

National Poetry Day is an annual event which takes place across the whole of the UK in celebration of poetry. The day is intended to help people discover and enjoy poetry and encourage everyone to read, write, and share poems. World Poetry Day demonstrates the importance of poetry and the value that poetry adds to society.

Nursery and Reception children will be performing Nursery Rhymes they have learnt by heart, and Key Stage One children will be performing poems they have learnt by heart.



World Water Day – Friday 22nd March

The theme of World Water Day 2024 is 'Water for Peace'.

When we cooperate on water, we create a positive ripple effect – fostering harmony, generating prosperity and building resilience to shared challenges.

We will be making water pledges such as: Save water: Take shorter showers and don't let the tap run when brushing your teeth, washing dishes and preparing food.



School Closes on Thursday 28th March for Easter