

Set: Friday 8th May 2026



Have you completed your homework?

Weekly checklist	✓
Reading 10 minutes a day. Please read at least five times a week to an adult. Don't forget to ask them to sign your reading record. Reading records should be in school every day and will be handed in on a Tuesday morning. We ask that reading records are in school every day as they have log in information which we need throughout the week.	
Reading Plus Complete x2 sessions at home. **These can count as part of your 5 reads above. Record them in your reading record.	
Spellings These are your spellings to practice. We will put a list each week in to reading records. ball, bawl, break, brake, male, mail, fair, fare, berry, bury Children will also need to know the meaning of the words to use the correct homophone of the word.	
Times Tables Children have written the times table that they are learning for next week in their reading record.	

Trip: We will be heading to Rosliston Forestry Centre on Wednesday 3rd June. If you are available to help, please email Miss Branson at cbranson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and we will let you know if we need you. Thank you 😊

Next week:

English: We will be planning the events to an ending to 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. We will spend some time writing our own endings before editing for accuracy of grammar, punctuation and spellings.

Key vocabulary: planning, ending, narrative, fiction, descriptive, editing, punctuation, grammar, spelling

Maths: We will be finding fractions of amounts with non-unit fractions. E.g. $\frac{3}{4}$ of 20=

We will be applying our understanding of finding fractions of amounts by completing reasoning and problem solving questions.

Key vocabulary: numerator, denominator, unit fractions, non-unit fractions

OPAL - We Need You!

Our children love OPAL play at lunchtime. We now have a mud kitchen / café, willow arch, willow dome, den building and tyre play to name just a few things.

Our next project is to build a large sandpit for the children to play in. Mrs Rose has kindly offered to dig this out for us, but we will need parental help with the final set up. We are asking any parents available on Saturday 6th June to come to school from 9am-12pm to help us with some OPAL projects.

Our projects include:

- Lining the sandpit
- Painting the storage sheds
- Creating play spaces for the children out of pallets
- Filling the sandpit with sand
- Planting up the tyres

We kindly ask that you do not bring children to school for this session due to the tools and equipment that will be on site. If you are able to help us out, please email Mrs Vardy (lvardy@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) so that we can send out further information.