

Set: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Have you completed your homework?

Weekly checklist	✓
<b>Reading</b> 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 <b>Tuesday</b> morning. <b>We ask that reading records are in school every day as they have log in information which we need throughout the week.</b>	
<b>Reading Plus</b> Complete x2 sessions at home. <b>**These can count as part of your 5 reads above. Record them in your reading record.</b>	
<b>Spellings</b> These are your spellings to practice. We will put a list each week in to reading records. accidentally, breathe, century, eight, consider, guard, heard, peculiar, possible, quarter	
<b>Times Tables</b> Children have written the times table that they are learning for next week in their reading record.	

**Next week:**

#### SPORTS DAY REMINDERS

TRJS are excited to welcome you to school on TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 for our annual SPORTS DAY. Answers to FAQs can be found on Newsletter 22 (17th April). The Sports Day programme was emailed out with Newsletter 23 and can also be found on the homework section of the website.

The children will be able to tell you if they are in the finals for the field events / obstacle course. All of the heats for other events will be run on the day.

PE kit needs to be worn on this day. House coloured t-shirt (either plain or with the TRJS emblem. No fashion wear or football shirts.), shorts and trainers

You will not need your usual school bag and book bag on the day. Children will need a small bag containing the following items:

A sunhat

Suncream

Snack

Jumper

Water bottle

A cushion to sit on

A coat (just in case!)

**Please name belongings. We get a lot of lost property left on the field at the end of sports day.**

Spectators will need to bring their own chairs to sit on.

WEATHER - If we need to cancel Sports Day due to adverse weather, a message will be sent to parents as soon as the decision is made.

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

English: We will be continuing to edit our endings to Lights on Cotton Rock. We will be focusing on our word choices and how to improve our writing using adjectives, adverbs, powerful verbs etc. We will then be writing our endings up in neat to publish them.

**Key vocabulary: editing, revision, vocabulary, neat, publishing**

Maths: We will be using estimations with adding and subtracting amounts by rounding numbers to the nearest 100.

**Key vocabulary: Estimate, round, nearest, hundred, round up, round down, hundreds (100s) tens (10s) ones (1s) place value +, add, addition, more, plus make, sum, total altogether, -, subtract, take (away) minus leave, how many are left/left over?**

#### **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](mailto:lvardy@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)) so that we can send out further information.