**Russell Lower School - Our Vision**

**Challenge     Enjoy    Respect     Succeed**

At Russell, we educate the whole child. Our vision is:

* To **challenge** and inspire children to become intellectually curious
* To ensure children are happy, safe and **enjoying** their education.
* To be proud, confident and **respectful**
* To work together to ensure every child can **succeed** and exceed expectations

**Our vision enables us to be the first-choice school for parents and children in the local area.**

To challenge and inspire children to become intellectually curious we will:

* Ensure teaching is inspirational through a creative, challenging and thematic curriculum that enables accelerated progress.
* Have a staff who are passionate and take responsibility for their environment, proactively seeking to improve in both their professional and personal development.
* Develop children to be well rounded individuals equipped for a changing world.

To ensure children are happy, safe and enjoying their education we will:

* Employ friendly and approachable staff who go the extra mile to educate children.
* Have an open-door policy to ensure that parents, staff and children have the opportunity for ongoing dialogue.
* Provide a nurturing, caring and safe environment for children.
* Promote a life-long love of learning in our pupils.

To be proud, confident and respectful we will:

* Ensure children and staff take pride in our school and community.
* Encourage children to be independent and successful.
* Ensure everyone holds our vision and values dearly, and this is demonstrated throughout the school.
* Encourage our children to be good citizens with well-developed values.
* Be a school at the heart of the community in Ampthill.

To work together to ensure every child can succeed and exceed expectations we will:

* Foster enthusiastic and engaged children who receive a personal education.
* Work towards pupils attaining higher than the local and national average.
* Encourage staff and children on a journey of learning.
* Promote the health and well-being of staff and pupils in an inclusive and accepting environment
* Commit to continuously developing to achieve excellent academic progress for all.
* Ensure the school is modern and fully resourced with appropriate equipment and technology.