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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and have had a great start to 2026. We have had a lovely start to the Spring Term in Robins and it is truly a joy to be their teacher.

Staffing:

I will teach Robins on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Woolston will continue to be our Teaching Assistant in Robins every morning and Mrs Claassens will provide intervention sessions in the afternoons. On Thursday mornings, Mr Bridges will take Robins up to forest school and in the afternoon Mrs Claassens will teach in Robins. She will be teaching music every week as well as an understanding the world lesson.

Forest School:

Our forest school sessions are on Thursday mornings with Mr Bridges and Mrs Woolston, both of whom are trained forest school instructors. Forest school will go ahead unless the weather is absolutely torrential so please ensure that your child is dressed suitably with plenty of layers, waterproofs, hats, gloves and ideally a thick pair of socks for during the winter months.

Class Dojo:

Class dojo is used in a number of different ways. It is where we post class updates, messages and photos and it is also used for us to give the children dojo points. The points go towards a weekly total for each house and the winning house is announced every week in celebration assembly. The children save their points until they reach at least 25 and would like to spend them in the dojo shop on a Friday afternoon.

There is a function to message me on class dojo. This is great for short messages, however if it is longer or of an important nature, please communicate via an email sent to the office. Mrs d'Arcy will ensure that the email is passed on to me.

Website:

I have recently updated the website with our new Termly Overview for the Spring Term. Please visit: Gretton Primary School – Robins. This letter will also be uploaded there, should you need to refer back to it.

Little Wandle Phonics:

As you know, we teach Phonics at Gretton using the Little Wandle Systematic, Synthetic Phonics scheme. This will continue to be taught teach morning. The Little Wandle website has some great tips for parents should you wish to learn more about the scheme. I recently sent home some tricky words and there is a great video on the website on how to support your children at home with them.

Spring Curriculum Web:

I have updated the website with our new Spring Term curriculum web. Please see this for further information on what we will be covering over the course of the term.

Reading and Reading Records:

It is extremely important children are reading books which are matched to their individual level of competency and, every Friday the children will come home with their Phonics Reading Book which is linked to their specific level. The children will have already read this during school time so should be able to read it with relative fluency by the time they bring it home. Please do take the time to read this book with your child and discuss the story/information with them, then record this in their reading record. Please do comment in their reading record, or simply initial, just so we know it has been read at home. In the past these books have had to be returned on a Monday, however I think it would be beneficial for the children to keep them until the Friday, when I will collect them in and they will bring home a new one. **Books must be returned the following Friday to enable a new book to be sent home.**

On Mondays the children select a sharing book from our classroom library. This is for you to enjoy together at home. **Please return this book the following Monday.**

PE:

PE will continue to be on a Friday in Robins. On this day, children should come dressed in their PE kit which they will wear all day. Please do however ensure they have a school / PE jumper and trousers for colder weather.

Everyday Essentials:

Every day in school your child needs their book bag, water bottle, lunchbox (if not having hot dinners) and a coat. The children have been working hard on putting their own coats on. Please continue to work on this at home and also support them with doing zips, poppers and buttons independently. We will of course help them if needed.

Please also ensure they have a spare change of clothes in their bags in case of toileting accidents or if they get messy. All children also need to have wellies in school every day as they wear them when working in our outdoor area.

Show and Tell:

We encourage the children to develop their speaking and listening skills by showing the class things they have made at school as well as talking about personal experiences and family news. If your child wants to bring something in from home that they would like to share, we will look after it until it is show and tell time.

Thank you for reading!

As always, if you have any questions or you would like further information about anything, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Warm regards,

Mrs Patterson