

Wednesday 10th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Please find attached a topic overview outlining the themes we will be covering during the term. If you have an occupation or hobby related to these themes and you would be happy to share them with the class then please let us know. We would also be happy to show any items of interest you may have at home related to these topics.

In Robins, the children will be taught by Miss Wright and supported by Mrs Cleaver in the morning and Mrs Mutlow or Mrs Langford most afternoons. On Tuesday and alternate Wednesday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Babbage and Mrs Langford. Every other Wednesday afternoon, the children will have their Forest School session with Karen and Mrs Lafford.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home, but understand that children are often busy or tired after school. The children will continue to bring home phonics reading books on a Thursday to be returned on a Monday. Please write any comments and sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read or shared a story. Every Monday the children will also continue to bring home a Home Library Book to share and write about in their red Home Library Review book. These need to be sent back into school on a Friday. Activities which help the children to reinforce the literacy and mathematics skills they have been learning throughout the week will also continue to be sent home in their red book and will be set on Seesaw on a Friday. Homework should be completed / brought back into school by the following Wednesday.

During the Spring Term the children will be having PE sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It is important that they have their P.E. kit in school every day. If they are attending a sports club after school, you may find it useful to send in a different kit for them to wear.

The kit for our P.E. sessions should consist of:

- * **Short sleeved T – shirt** – plain white
- * **Shorts** – plain black or navy
- * **Tracksuit bottoms** – plain black or navy (for outdoor P.E.)
- * **Jumper / fleece** – plain (for outdoor P.E.)
- * **Socks** – white
- * **P.E. pumps** - suitable for physical activity inside and outside

Small stud pierced earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child or covered for all P.E. lessons.

Please ensure that your child brings in a coat with a hood to school and that they wear sensible black shoes everyday as the weather is so unpredictable. You may also like your child to have a spare pair of pants and socks in their bag just in case they have a toileting accident.



Each child has a cup and access to drinking water throughout the day but you may also like to send in a bottle filled with water.

The children can come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes for their session every other Wednesday. Their first session of the term will be on **Wednesday 17th January**. Children should wear trousers and a long sleeved top and/or jumper. They will also need a pair of wellies to change into and a waterproof coat and trousers or an all-in-one waterproof suit, hat, gloves and scarf.

We will be encouraging the children to be responsible for all of their belongings so please help them by ensuring that all belongings – each piece of uniform, school bags, Forest School kit, P.E. kit items, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are **still clearly named** so that they can be quickly reunited with your child. If you have lost any belongings, please take time to look through the class lost property box (located by the Infants door).

We know that children like to bring in toys to show their friends in school, however they can get upset if they are lost, swapped or broken, so we ask that toys are not brought in from home.

If your child is unwell then please phone the school office before 9.30am. If they have sickness or diarrhoea, they must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school. Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. If your child has longer hair it is advisable to tie it up and this is particularly important on PE days.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal, then please tell us in the morning or telephone the school office to let us know.

If you do not arrive to pick up your child, they will wait in the school library and you will be contacted. If we are unable to contact you, then we will telephone the next person on the list of people authorised to collect your child. Therefore, it is important that school are informed of any changes to contact details.

We would like to invite you to attend Celebration Worship led by Robins Class on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm and the school Easter Service at St Giles Church on Thursday 21st March at 1.45pm.

Please speak to us in the morning or at the end of the school day if you have any concerns, queries or if there is any change that may affect your child through the day e.g. unsettled sleep, change in family situations etc.

Kind Regards,

Miss Wright and Mrs Cleaver

