



Dear Parents and Carers

27th February 2026

I hope you have all enjoyed the half-term break and feel like the batteries have been recharged. This term is very busy and exciting: with Awe and Wonder week, World Book Day and Science week all ahead!

In Science, we are looking at the Human life cycle which does involve a brief look at puberty. As ever, the lesson is designed with our Catholic principles at heart; but is also just revolving around the physical changes to our bodies from a purely scientific point of view. If you have any questions, or want to know what the lessons look like in more detail, please contact me.

This term we are also extremely fortunate to have Ali Dixon for gymnastics! The expectation is that all jewellery is removed completely, and that children wear shorts to enable them to use the equipment. I am aware the weather is extremely cold, so the children can either wear their joggers over the top, or change at lunch time.

The class text that we will be reading this term for both pleasure and to support our learning is:

Asha and the Spirit bird by Jasbinder Bilan

Whilst this book is set in India; the rich vocabulary about the wildlife Asha encounters across the way fits in perfectly with our rainforest topic, and will continue to inspire children to be **Stewards of the Earth** and **aspire** to learn more about this wonderful planet God made for us.

Things to remember:

- Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times a week, and practice their spellings with them. Consistently reading these with your children really does help enable them to **be the best they can be**.
- PE kit, please can children come to school in their **PE kit** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.
- Homework – this will be set on a Friday and will need to be in the following Wednesday. Please speak to me if printed copies are needed.
- Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in each day.

As ever, I am always on the playground at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. If you need to contact me in another way, please email FAO Mrs Carr via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Regards
Mrs Carr