

# GLOUCESTER ROYAL HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

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## Learning

### Oracy Starters

Pupils begin the day with an oracy starter (in their rooms), ranging from news articles, moral dilemmas, discussing artwork and 'Accept/Modify/Reject' scenarios. Here is an example:

**Now** - Look through the First News newspaper

**Next** - Choose an article that interests you

**Afterwards** - Be prepared to share your opinions (verbally) with someone else. This might be a teacher, nurse, or another pupil.



### Reading

At the end of each school day, pupils are encouraged to 'Drop Everything and Read' - DEAR. They can choose a book from the Read for Good trolley, curl up in the sensory tent, or listen to a book on the Listening Books tablet.



On one Friday per month, our pupils take part in a joint DEAR session with the Y9 Tutor Group at Alderman Knight School.

### Curriculum

From Monday to Thursday, pupils continue with English and Maths lessons every morning. In the afternoon, pupils can now take part in a range of subjects: RE (with the hospital chaplain, Ian) and Computing on a Monday; STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) challenges and Geography on a Tuesday; and History and Science on Thursdays. Pupils also learn new skills in PSHE, Art, Makaton, Music and Pottery on 'Well-Being Friday.'



## New Staff

In January, the GRH School Room welcomed a new teacher, Robyn, to our team. The current teaching team is now:



**Trudi Scott**  
GRH Curriculum Leader



**Cath Parkins**  
Teacher



**Dimitris Alevizos**  
Teacher



**Natalie Skinner**  
Teacher



**Jess Smith**  
Teacher



**Robyn Roberts**  
Teacher



**Misha Law**  
Music Therapist (Fri)

## Awards

Pupils continue to enjoy achieving Discover Arts awards (funded by the Everyman Theatre) and Crest Awards in Science. We have also started to offer AQA awards in a range of subjects and topics.



STEM activities

