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Dear Devonshire Families,

New for Spring 2: Growing Great Thinkers

Our New Classroom Initiative

We're very pleased to let you know about something new that has started in our classrooms this term—the **Reflective Excellence Tracker**. This is designed to help your child get even more out of their learning each day.

Supporting a Growth Mindset

We believe that learning is about more than just *finishing* tasks. We want every child to *understand* how they learn best. This is called **metacognition**—which simply means “thinking about your thinking.” It's a really important skill for children as they become more independent learners. How it works: Each afternoon, children will spend 5 minutes on a 'Daily Pulse Check,' reflecting on five key areas:

- What they did well.
- What they found challenging and why that's a good thing.
- How they can solve problems differently next time.
- What they discovered about themselves as learners.
- Setting a fresh goal for tomorrow.

Celebrating Progress: To keep the momentum going, children can work their way toward Bronze, Silver, and Gold Reflective Excellence awards. These aren't just for getting the 'right answer,' but for showing real honesty and thought about their learning journey.

Building Confidence and Independence

We're excited to see children becoming even more confident and resilient. If you'd like to support this at home, you might ask your child tonight: “*What was one thing that was hard today, and how did you solve any problems you had?*” We hope this starts many positive conversations about learning!

Kind regards

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