



**Providing the rich soil that enables  
our children to develop deep roots and flourish.**

January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents,

**Spring Term in Belted Galloway class**

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas. I would, firstly, like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the generous gifts, cards and kind wishes given to me at Christmas. I really appreciate your kindness.

Our main focus this term is to tighten and develop your children's mathematical and literacy skills, including reading, writing and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). For year 6 children, this is such an important term, where they will find out their secondary schools and will be preparing for their end of key stage tests. We will be continuing to work on ways of developing an increased independence in all children, encouraging them to take responsibility for their learning.

Outdoor Learning will continue on Fridays with Miss Green, and will happen regardless of the weather. Please ensure children come to school equipped for this: they will need to have a spare pair of footwear or wellies. Friday's PE lesson will be swimming, while outdoor PE will continue on Thursdays.

As the website outlines, we will be carrying out blocks of work on Invaders (History), Mind-blowing Maps (Geography), Social Issues (PSHCE), Printing (Art), Evolution and Inheritance (Science), Composing with the Glockenspiels (Music), Light (Science) and Digital Media (Art). Further details about the content will be available on the school website. Further to this, we will be exploring the Christian view of God as holy and loving, and considering the Jewish Torah. In computing, our term will start with a block of on creating media, focusing on web page design.

I have a number of enrichment activities and events planned for the term, including competing in the STEM K'NEX challenge competition and finding out about the justice system in conjunction with Stroud Magistrates court. Hopefully these will be able to go ahead safely, but we will be considering currently regulations before making final decisions.

I look forward to discussing your child's progress in this busy term with you at the Parents' Evenings in March.

Many thanks,

Paul Beech