



## **BECOMING REFLECTIVE, INDEPENDENT & ASPIRATIONAL LEARNERS FOR LIFE**

January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

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 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 return on Fridays with Mr Oakey, and will happen regardless of the weather. Please ensure children come to school equipped for this. As we have both Outdoor Learning and PE on Fridays, we will not expect children to come to school in their school uniform on these days if that makes the process easier.

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 Painting (Art). Further details about the content will be sent home at the start of each block, and will also 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 work fusing art with computing.

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, and we have plans for a faith week at the end of the term.

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