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May I begin by wishing all of our community a happy New Year and welcome everybody back to what is a very short term for the children, parents and staff of the school.

The term started for the teaching staff with two INSET days. On the Monday we joined the other schools that make up our 'Quantock Group,' which is the learning partnership we work closely with. As a cluster we looked at how to use technology to improve provision in the classroom. It was an interesting and thought provoking session and left us with ideas to help develop our curriculum, back here in school.

In order to maintain our continuous school improvement, we have a development plan, which we actively work on as part of our daily work. Our Tuesday INSET saw the teaching staff work through key issues for the term. With support staff joining the teaching team in the afternoon, we had a valuable and very worthwhile two days to focus our efforts for the Spring Term.

'Compassion'

For the first part of the Spring Term, our reflective theme is compassion. Quite often, in January, the post-Christmas blues and the dark evenings and mornings can leave us all wishing for that extra five minutes under the warm covers. However, we are looking at how we can look to others around us who may need our help and support. The children found the definition of compassion quite interesting:

'Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.'

Our work with the children will be based around this definition and we look forward to sharing with you some of this work, in the next edition.

Once again, we wish you a very peaceful and prosperous beginning to 2016.

Spaxton Society

We have again enjoyed some good talks and meet ups at the Spaxton Society. Our next talk is on February 11th and is titled 'Off the Beaten Track, managing Somerset's Countryside' given by Chris Smith, who many of you know. He is an excellent speaker bringing his knowledge and love of the countryside to his talks.



Our talk on the 10th of March is 'When Weston was a Village' given by Pat Hase, using parish records she will give us an insight into the inhabitants and what it was like to live in Weston.

Cost of each talk is £2.50 and both take place in the village hall at 7.30pm. Following the talk (about an hour) and an opportunity to ask questions there's free tea and biscuits and a chance to talk to everyone as well as the speaker again. Hope to see you there