

Just to let you know...

Dear parents,

We have had a busy week in Year 4 with science investigations, designing crazy inventions and practising our times tables. We are really pleased with the way the children are coming into school on time, wearing the correct uniform and showing us a positive attitude towards their learning. Thank you for all your encouragement and support every day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jo, James, Rachel, Maggie and Izzy

English

We have made a great start this week on our crazy/creative inventions. The children began the week looking at examples of inventions, before choosing to design a creative or crazy invention. Crazy inventions are those where an object is made out of a crazy material, such as a chair made of cheese. Creative inventions are where the children have designed an invention to solve a problem; for the cyclist with an itchy head, a cycle helmet which scratches your head while you ride. We wrote instructions for our inventions and have begun to create an advert and brochure.

Maths

We have had a really good week learning our multiplication and division facts. The children have used lots of practical strategies such as counters, games, arrays and a range of simple ways to learn the times tables. Ask them to show you the 9 times tables trick with their fingers! It is so important that the children know their times tables and division facts and we can see progress already. Remember to find a fun way of learning these at home! You can also use the online games at <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Spellings

Thank you for helping your child to learn their spellings. The spellings for the test on the 20.03.17 are:

Information, confirmation, preparation, admiration, sensation, accusation, magician, musician

Please ensure your child brings their spelling book in every Monday.

Science

Thank you for all the donations of bottles! This has made it possible for us to carry out a fun filtration investigation. It was really interesting to see how the children had planned and made predictions but when given all the resources, realised they might be able to improve their design. Many of our filtration devices transformed the muddy water in something much cleaner!

Homework

Homework for the next two weeks will be for the children to make their science inventions. These will either be creative or crazy! Please see the sheet we have provided the children with to help them start working on their invention. There will be a chance to view the children's projects at our science exhibition on Wednesday 29th March at 2:15pm.

Talent contest

In aid of Red Nose Day each class are organising a talent show. Year 4 will perform to their own classes on Monday 20th March at 9:30am. One act from each class will be chosen to perform to the rest of the year group on Tuesday, the winner making it through to the final on Red Nose Day! Friday 24th March is also a non uniform day; children can wear something red (for a £1 donation) and can bring a few pounds to spend on the events that will be happening during the day.