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STEM WEEK 14th – 18th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the areas in our school development plan is to raise the profile of STEM subjects across the curriculum and have a specific leader on this for our federation. Mrs Anderson from Firle is our STEM leader and she works closely with our maths and science coordinators (Miss Mandy and Miss Everest) to see how we can make better links between the subjects.

Next week we will be having a focus STEM week (14th – 18th January). This is to ensure all the children know what STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) stands for and to raise the focus of these subjects in the curriculum and the wider world.

If you work in any of these fields and would like to come in to talk to a class or small group about your job/training then please let Miss Everest or your child's class teacher know.

We will be spending the whole week on STEM and will be relaunching Mathletics so that the children can make optimal use of the programme. We will shortly be organising a date for a parent workshop on this so that you can have support in how to use it.

During the week there will be opportunities for shared learning through, a maths games afternoon, whole school display and a sharing assembly.

In preparation for this week we ask that your child researches a scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician and brings in either a sentence about them or a presentation on them to share with their peers in class. The due date for this is **Friday 18th January** and they can also come to school dressed up as this person on that day. We will have an assembly at the beginning of the day for them to catwalk the people they have found out about. **Welly walk for the infants will be on Wednesday 16th** and it will be on site so the children can just be in uniform with their wellies. Forest School for the Year 5's will be still be on Wednesday afternoon.

On the **afternoon on Friday 18th** we will have open classes for the children to share what they have learnt during the week with you. This will be **from 2:30 p.m.**

During the week we will also be using our Lego 'We do' kits funded by the LSA and have a maths games afternoon to see how skills can be developed through play, these ideas will be shared.

In the following week we will have parent 'pop ins' to classes for you to see how maths mastery is taught in your child's setting.

The dates and times for these are:

I/ 2 Bugs- Monday 21st January 9:00-9:30

Jungle - Tuesday 22nd January 9:00-9:30

High Peaks – Wednesday 23rd January 9:00-9:30

R/ I Underwater- Thursday 24th January 9:00-9:30

(Children in Year 1 will be in their own class bases)

It should be a really exciting week and we hope to inspire the children in to the world of STEM and the possibilities for their future.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs West
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Anderson
STEM leader