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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cracking Contraptions – Term 4 Topic

Amazingly, we are already half way through the year. Term 4's learning is led by science, with a strong focus on DT and computing too. We will be learning about circuits and electricity which will involve designing and building a model house with working lights and burglar alarm! Please send in a cardboard box for this by the end of week 2 – Friday 8th March. We will be drawing and designing in 3D on paper and using computer aided design.

Our class text is *The Viewer by Shaun Tan* and will be the focus of our English lessons for the first half of the term. After this, our non-fiction writing will link to science when we will be writing explanation texts about light and how we see.

A few reminders:

Wellies

Even though it has been gloriously sunny this first week, we need to remember that it is still barely spring and the weather could change any second. Please can you ensure that if your child has brought their wellies home that they bring them back to school again so they are able to access the school field even when it is muddy.

P.E.

Our PE days this term will usually be Tuesdays and Thursdays. We do a mixture of indoor and outdoor PE so please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing in school at all times.

Homework/Spellings

There are still a number of children who do not bring their spelling books in each week. Please check that your child has this in their bag on either a Thursday or Friday and we will then stick the following week's spellings in for them.

For the **home learning**, please choose a minimum of three tasks from the grid and bring in completed work when it is done or hand it in at the end of term. Obviously, I will be delighted if children complete more than this and I am always impressed by the quality of some pieces of work. Some of the discussion texts about plastic were amazing last term! It was clear a lot of effort had gone into them.

SATs

Last term the Year 6s had a look at SATs papers from 2016. They will look at further past papers this term but the focus will remain on teaching your children and preparing them for secondary school, rather than on how to just pass tests.

Reading

Lots of our children are really engaging with our reading challenge, Race to the Sun! Just a reminder that there is a recording sheet stapled into your child's reading record. Please tick and initial each day that they read at home. Each 15 ticks mean they can move onto a new planet, getting closer to the sun, as well as a certificate home! Any children who have lost their reading diary have been given a new one so no excuses!

Please remember to come and see me if you need to talk about any worries or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Sarah Woodcock