

Yoxall St Peter's CE Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

British Science Week (14th - 18th March in School).

Calling All Parents! (...especially if you enjoy science or work in a STEM related career!)

Firstly, as part of the national British Science Week (11th-20th March), we plan to hold a Science Week in school in the w/c 14th -18th March. We would like children to explore the importance of Science to our lives and how it affects so much of what we do and how we live. With this in mind, we plan for the children to learn about some global issues and look at how science can help to solve some of the problems people in the world currently face.

The online materials are provided by the organisation <u>Practical Action</u> and could include, for example, looking at flooding or drought and how people can grow food in areas of the world where they are struggling to do so. Each class will have a global problem to look at, consider the challenges this poses to people living in that part of the world, and then look at possible solutions. This may include designing, discussing, presenting, making and testing, but it will depend on the issue being looked at in each class.

We would therefore be really keen for any parent helpers who would like to come and join in working with groups of children and we think it would be lovely for the children to discuss and share their ideas with anyone who has any kind of scientific, engineering or technical background, training, hobby or interests! We anticipate most of this will be in the **afternoons, most likely on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.**

<u>Secondly</u>, we would love for any parents with any manner of medical, scientific, engineering, technical or mathematical career or background to come into school on **Monday 14**th **March to speak to classes about their STEM job**, what they do and maybe answer a few questions from the children. We are very keen to promote science and build children's enthusiasm and aspiration to follow similar careers themselves.

<u>Finally</u>, on Monday 14th March, we would like children to come into school dressed as some sort of medical, scientific, engineering, technical or mathematical 'role' to celebrate all the different careers, roles and walks of life within the STEM community. There is no need to go out to buy anything specific. For example, children could come as a farmer, a nurse or doctor, an accountant, etc. Attached is a list of *examples* of STEM careers, but of course there are <u>many, many more</u> than have not been put on that list, so feel free to think of ideas of your own. Sometimes it is difficult to 'dress' for a certain role, so children may want to come with a label on attached to state what they have come as, e.g. 'Farmer' or 'Engineer', etc.



We hope that our science week will inspire children about science and its possibilities and would welcome any time that you would be willing or able to give. If you would like to be involved in any way and come into school, please could you email to let the office know (stating the details below) or return the given slip.

Name _			
Yes/No	I would like to come in to school on Monday 14th March to talk about STEM careers.		
Yes/No	I would like to come in to help with the Practical Action challenges. I could do these (please circle)		
	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to welcoming you into school. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Miss V Williams

Class Teacher Yoxall St Peter's (C of E) Primary School

