Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) Fair hosted at St Thomas' Junior Site will return – kicking off the start of STEM Week 2024. As in previous years, the event will centre on a showcase of children's independent work - the focus of which will be different this year.

STEM week falls in-line with British Science Week again this year. The 2024 theme is 'Smashing Stereotypes'. With this in mind, we would like children to choose a scientist (or group of scientists) to research and present information on - many can be found on the Science Week website https://www.britishscienceweek.org/smashing-stereotypes/

Research can be based on a scientist from history or the present day. Information should be presented on one single 'board' no smaller than A3. Information can be recorded in a range of ways - photographs, diagrams/ models (2d or 3d), written/typed work, illustrations etc. – be creative! The work should be a celebration of the chosen scientist and their contributions to the world. Your child should conclude as to why the work of their chosen scientist has had an impact.

Projects will be presented in class and children will vote for their favourite – the top 3 from each class will be submitted into the STEM fair. Our Senior Leadership Team (who will be looking for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place) will judge work that has made it to the STEM Fair Round.

The Fair will be held on **Monday 11th March** at the KS2 site. There will be a whole host of activities for children to take part in and you are welcome to join your child on the day – further details to follow. **If you work within a STEM industry and feel that you may be able to offer your expertise to the fair or the subsequent KS2 'STEM Week' please contact school.**

Although we encourage all children to take part, independent projects are not compulsory. All submissions should be in class by **Thursday 7th March 2024.**

Kind regards,

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