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Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from the success of our recent celebration of British Science Week, we wanted to kickstart the new term with something extra special. Therefore, after Easter, we will be participating in a week of exciting STEM activities. STEM is short for Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths.

From Monday 19th to Friday 23rd April, we will be **Engineering Fairy Tales!** In conjunction with BAE Systems, each year group will investigate a traditional fairy tale. The children will listen to the story being read by a member of the BAE Systems community who will then set them a challenge. The challenge will involve teamwork, ingenuity and problem-solving skills – and maybe just a sprinkle of our Solent magic too! This will also be the perfect start to Year 2's theme of "Inventors and Inventions".

So, whilst everyone is excited about problem-solving and inventing, we are going to harness the enthusiasm and run a competition. This will be linked to our learning from the Engineering Fairy Tales week. Your child will be invited to think like an engineer, an inventor, an innovator! On Friday, 23rd April, your child will bring home a competition form to complete. They will be asked to design their own invention; their invention could be based on helping in the home, caring for the environment or even something we could use at school. **The closing date for entries will be Wednesday, 5th May.** Look out for more information after the Easter holidays and we look forward to sharing the winning entries with you!

Yours sincerely

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