

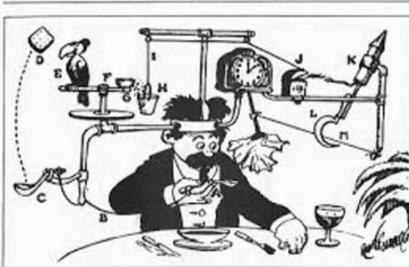
Dear Parents and Carers of children in Lower Dart,

Summer Term 2017

We do hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break and that the children are all looking forward to the summer term and lots of adventures in their learning! This term the children will continue to be taught by Miss Mount all week, except on Friday afternoons, when they will have Mr Stokes. We are supported by Ella (Tuesday am) and Debbie Dracup (Wed, Thus & Fri), who will be supporting the whole class and some individual children with their studies in and out of the classroom. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Hannah Bryant, from Exeter University, to our class, for most of the summer term.



Self-Operating Napkin



Topic: Our topic this term will be *'Things That Go!'* Expect a lot of inventions! The children will be investigating the whos, wheres, whens and whys of: inventors, forces, vehicles and other 'things that go' – with or without wheels. Basically our imaginations are the only limitations! We also hope to be going on a day trip, linked to this theme. Watch this space!

Curriculum: The children will be developing their literacy skills, including composition, grammar, spelling and punctuation and the Year 2s will continue to build on all the skills and knowledge that they will need for their SATs tests in May, with work linked to 'Things That Go' as much as possible. Children will also be having phonics or spelling sessions on most days to help them build their spelling and reading skills.

There will of course, be our hourly maths lesson each day, focusing on a range of mental and written strategies, and broader topics such as co-ordinates, shape and data. We will be encouraging the children to learn their times tables at school, (I've lost count of how many Times Table Towers certificates I've given out, but am always happy to do more!) and at home, as well as practise written methods of calculation. The class will also be receiving French language lessons every week.

PE: Your children will need their PE kits in on **MONDAYS (athletics) and swimming on WEDNESDAYS**. It is very important that they have kit/swimming things in school for their PE sessions on these days. Many children still have vital elements of their kit missing.



Homework: We will continue to send spellings home as from this week.

Please make sure the children have a chance to practise them for the test on Fridays. The class will have had an input into their 'Things that go' homework tasks (starting from next week) and **they should choose one to complete each week**, to be handed in by **Thursdays**. The tasks are designed to be fun and some may be done on their own, but some tasks will need your help, but they should be fun for you as well!



If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's school experience during the term please feel welcome to drop in to see us. We are also very happy if you would like to come into the classroom and see first hand the sort of experience your child is having in Lower Dart. At the end of each short term you will be invited into Lower Dart so that your child can share examples of their learning.

We will be taking great care to ensure all members of the class are challenged in their work and enjoy all aspects of their learning. Thank you for helping us, by encouraging your child to complete their homework and by having the right learning equipment in school every day.

Sophie Mount & Des Stokes.