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Dear Parents/Carers,

The week commencing Monday 24th June, we will be running a STEM week (science, technology, engineering and maths) in school. We will be completing lots of different activities, encouraging children to think critically, problem solve, make mistakes and persevere.

To help the children get 'into character', we would like them to design and make a lab coat - these can be made cheaply using a t-shirt or shirt. It needs to be plain white and decorated with STEM-inspired designs (there are some pictures below and lots of ideas online). These will be used to put over school uniform whenever they are completing an activity, so perhaps a size larger than they usually wear would be a good idea. Please write your child's name on the back of their t-shirt.

These will need to be brought into school on Monday 24th June and will stay in school all week.



Calling all parents!!! Could you offer your expertise in school to inspire and motivate children? All jobs have an element of STEM and we are keen for children to have an understanding of how science, technology, engineering and maths skills are used in daily life and the workplace.

We are particularly interested in promoting an awareness of women working in careers involving engineering, science and technology:

Addressing the under-representation of girls taking science, technology, engineering, maths and computing (STEM) subjects at school and college is fundamental to achieving gender diversity within the STEM workforce. Recent [statistics published by WISE](#) show that women make up less than a quarter of the core STEM workforce in the UK, and only 12% of engineering professionals. (STEM Learning)

We would like to run various events during STEM week including workshops, presentations about various jobs, class projects and an after school event showcasing the wide range of jobs that involve an element of STEM.

If you could offer an hour of your time to share what your job entails, or if you could come into school and support a class activity or workshop, please contact Mrs Murphy. We would really appreciate your support in making this a memorable and enjoyable week for your child.

Thank you in advance,

Rebecca Murphy

