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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Science Week this year will be held on 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2017, to coincide with British Science Week. This year, the theme is 'Change'. To introduce the theme, children have the chance to enter a competition to design a poster depicting the scientific discovery which they think has brought the greatest change to our lives. Details of the competition have been announced in assembly and the closing date for entries is 10<sup>th</sup> March.

During Science Week, much of the children's time will be spent doing investigative science in class, linked to the theme of change. Once again, the BPSCA have kindly made a donation to the school for purchase of materials, enabling teachers to plan exciting activities for the children.

This year, children will also have the chance to design and build a 'Marble Keepy-Uppy' machine. Teams will compete to build a device which can keep a marble in continuous motion for the longest time. The overall winner will be entered into a national competition to win exciting science resources for the school. The children will construct their devices from junk materials and over the week, lots of materials will be consumed. We need your junk and would welcome donations of items such as cardboard tubes, cereal boxes, clean yogurt pots and plastic bottles. You may send these to school from now onwards, until 13<sup>th</sup> March.

We would be grateful for offers of help during the week to support children in their activities. You do not need any science knowledge, but as with all activities, a current DBS clearance is required in order to work in school.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm, we would like to invite you into school to see the work that the children have been doing in class. We hope to have some exciting investigations and experiments to show you and you will be able to see some of our 'Marble Keepy-Uppy' devices in action.

We look forward to an exciting week and to welcoming you to see our young scientists at work.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs J Gregory  
Science Leader

