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'It Really Does Matter'

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'Lest We Forget' Topic Outcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 6 children have been busy creating their own designs for a moving vehicle, which links with the topic, such as tanks or gliders. They will be creating the chassis for their own moving vehicle that is driven by an electric motor. The children have been measuring, cutting and glueing together a wooden frame, as well as adding axles and wheels to make the moving base.

The final outcome for our topic is to complete the construction of the vehicle in a collaborative project with parents and guardians. I am writing to invite you to come back to school for the morning! We have planned a morning for you to come into school to work with your child constructing the body of the vehicle. It's just like Blue Peter, but on a much larger scale! It was very successful last year and by the end of the morning, we had many different moving vehicles! This year our 'Lest We Forget' outcome will be held on:

Thursday 15th June (9:15am-11am)

We would like the children to collect boxes, tubes and other reusable materials to create the main part of their vehicle. When you come into school and work alongside your child, you will be using the materials you have collected to make the main body of the vehicle. Your role would be to assist your child in measuring, cutting and glueing the items together so that the vehicle is both sturdy and creative. I am sure this will be a memorable morning for both of you.

Please arrive at the front entrance of the school at 9:15am. All adults will be taken through to the sports hall where they will sign in on class registers. There will then be an opportunity to explain the task and show you examples of what the children will be doing. This will also give us time to share a few tips about how to motivate and challenge your child and answer any questions. We will then disperse to the field playground, weather permitting, where you will meet your child and get started. If the weather is rainy or too windy, we will be working inside the classrooms.

The Year 6 team will provide some resources on the day, which you are welcome to use. However, it is advisable to bring in some of your own equipment. The children should be able to tell you which resources they will need to create their design. This list covers just about everything you may need to bring in:

Scissors
Masking tape
Variety of cardboard boxes
Pipe cleaners
Stickers
Old tester pots of paint
Glue
Pencils/pens
String
Paper/card
Plastic wallets (to make windows)
Paper/plastic cups
Yoghurt pots for paint/glue
NO spray paint please due to safety issues
Sense of humour!

I understand that many of you will have work commitments, but I am hoping that by giving you plenty of notice, it will be possible to make arrangements so that you can come in to help. Alternatively, the children can work with a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or even a close family friend **as long as they are at least 18 years of age**. If your child is working with someone that does not live in the same house, please pass on the information to the office so that they are prepared for the morning.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Vigar
Year 5 and 6 Phase Leader