

Thursday 6th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

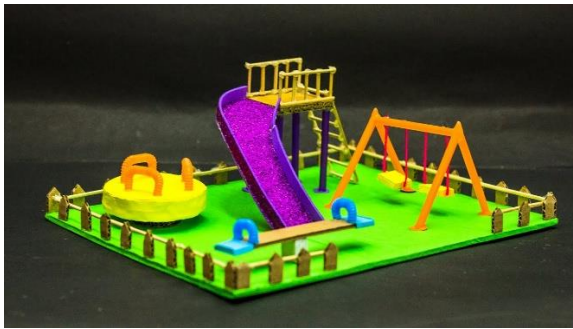
We hope this letter finds you well. This term, Key Stage One will be exploring an exciting and hands-on topic: '**How can we join materials to create structures?**' Through this project, your child will develop their understanding of materials, tools, and construction techniques while applying their creativity and problem-solving skills.

In school

The children will design their very own amusement park, thinking creatively about the rides, attractions and layouts. They will then use their designs as inspiration to build a model of their park at home. Throughout our lessons, the children will be given the opportunity to learn about and practise a range of joining techniques. They will also have the opportunity to explore a range of materials and consider their properties, applying their knowledge and understanding from our work in science earlier this term. These lessons are designed to equip your child with the knowledge and skills to create their model **at home**.

What your child needs to do at home:

Your child will select appropriate tools and materials for their model and explain why they have chosen them. They will also need to use a variety of methods, which they have practised at school, to assemble and join their materials, exploring how to make their structures strong, stable and visually appealing. **Their amusement park should be no bigger than a standard shoe box to ensure that we have room to display all of the models.** Here are some examples to provide inspiration:



How you can support your child at home:

- Encourage your child to think creatively about their theme park design.
- Help them gather materials such as cardboard, paper, glue, tape, straws, string, or any other recyclable or craft materials you have at home.
- Discuss their choices of materials and methods, and support them in building their model.

Showcase afternoon:

To celebrate the children's hard work and creativity, we will be hosting a Showcase afternoon, this will take place **on Monday 31st March at 2:45 pm.** You will be invited to come into school to see the models your child has created and hear them explain their design and construction process

This project is a wonderful opportunity for the children to apply their learning in a practical and creative way, and we are excited to see what they will create. Thank you for your continued support in making their learning experience engaging and meaningful.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to approach us on the playground before or after school or write a note in your child's reading record.

The KS1 team

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