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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have a fantastic competition for your children to get involved with at home! We are asking your children to be an ‘Engineer for the Day’ by designing their own invention to a problem they have thought of.

The first part of the competition allows children the chance to speak with an engineer. With that in mind, on January 21st, Steve Tuck an engineer at Thales UK, will be coming into school to deliver an assembly to KS2 children explaining his job role and how they can get involved with the competition. The children will be encouraged to ask him lots of questions!

Secondly, all children wishing to participate will be sent home with a logbook that details the next steps of the competition, which the children will follow and fill out as their design develops.

All entries for this competition will be sent into the judging panel on Monday 24th February, so a great activity for half term! All entries are read by an engineer and will receive a graded certificate.

Children are also invited to attend the awards and public exhibition (details to follow).

At home, we would love for you to talk with your child about what they would like to design, what they might use and get them to consider why they have made the choices they have.

Encourage them to be as imaginative as possible!

This competition hopes to ignite the enthusiasm for problem solving, design and innovation amongst our children.

I am tremendously excited to see what they invent!

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please do ask.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Leslie