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Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the next half term, the topic for Year 4 is **Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor**. Within Science we will be learning how electricity works by creating and exploring circuits. This will also feed into our writing as we will be writing explanation text about what we discover. We will be designing and creating our own robots that serve a purpose and we will be writing instruction manuals to accompany them. In Geography we will be exploring our local community and we will be learning about the rich history of Laughton and the surrounding areas.

This term in Year 4 we are trying something a little different with Homework. The children will have a weekly times table to learn and will have 10 spellings to practise. In addition to this we ask that they read to an adult FOUR times a week. They should also be accessing Spelling Shed games at home to support their spelling practise as well as practising times tables on Times Table Rock Stars. This will all count towards their Laughton Learner badges. Parents/carers need to sign/initial each time your child has practised these skills on the websites at home. Please ensure that the children bring their book bag with their organiser in it every day. This homework will be issued on a Tuesday each week.

Over the course of the half term please choose one of the following tasks to complete with your children to support our learning in class:

- Visit the local library to find non-fiction books about famous British scientists and inventors. What did they invent/discover? What was so significant about their inventions/discoveries? What impact have their inventions/discoveries had on our daily lives?
- Design and/or make your own tool that has been designed to improve an aspect of daily life.
- Use the web to research Laughton's past. Create a power point or presentation to share what you have found.
- Use the internet to research the geography of the local area. Can you draw a map of your street and the surrounding area?
- Create your own version of Monopoly based on where you live.
- Using any media (art, ICT, oral) create something to present to the class about Laughton and the surrounding areas. It could be a leaflet, poster or presentation.

I hope you enjoy completing one of these projects with your children. Completed work will be displayed in the classroom and the children can also present their work in Special Assembly if they wish.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Parker

