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Dear Parents

This week sees the start of a new whole school project at Bedlington Station Primary School. Over recent years our curriculum has evolved and been developed to become a purposeful vehicle for learning that is recognised across the county as a model of good practice, and was praised by Ofsted during our last inspection and recent HMI inspection of mathematics.

Although the innovative and exciting work we do in school continues all year round, we feel it is important to periodically bring the whole school together with a shared project that will encompass the whole curriculum.

As with all our projects we will be developing how our children use the skills they learn from all areas of the curriculum, to give them a deeper understanding of how to apply these skills in a variety of contexts. In particular we will be focussing on how the children use and apply their mathematical skills in a variety of contexts.

From next Monday (**11th November**), Bedlington Station Primary School will be put on hold once more, stepping aside to make room for 'Crankpot Industries'. Your child will come to Crankpot Industries to work as a scientist for the absent minded Professor Crankpot. Professor Crankpot loves science but his memory often causes him problems, sometimes explosive ones! For this reason he started "Crankpot Industries" and employed scientists to work for him. The curriculum will be taught 'in role' through the tasks the scientists investigate. This project has been very extensively planned by staff and covers all the requirements of the curriculum.

This week in school the children will be finding out more about being a scientist, ready to step into their new responsibility on Monday. As they will not be at 'school' during the project we ask that they do not wear school uniform from the **11th of November**... Lab coats are more than welcome!

Each week the scientists will add to the Crankpot Industries website, which will be available for you to view.

If you have any questions about the project please feel free to speak to your child's teacher and don't forget to come along to our curriculum coffee sessions this week. The times are: Tuesday 5th at 2.30pm (Oak and Rowan), Wednesday 6th at 9.00am (Sycamore and Chestnut), Thursday 7th at 9.00am (Maple and Beech) and Friday 8th at 9.00am (Willow and Acorn)

Yours sincerely

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