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Dear Parents and Carers,

In 2018, we are pleased to announce that the school will have a dedicated STEM teacher and STEM learning space – a Maker Space - to get students involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through projects and problem-based learning. This dynamic space will provide students with the tools to develop inquiring minds and apply skills in a very real manner. Although we have already begun the process of acquiring and setting up a Podcast and Green-Screen recording studio Raspberry Pi 3mini-computers, a 3D printing station, flexible furniture and other resources, we need your help collecting materials to make this space as rich in resources as possible. Here is a list of the some of things we could use:

New Craft, Home or Office Supplies	Used or Recycled materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toothpicks• Q tips• Paper or plastic plates• Paper or plastic cups• Plastic silverware• Cotton balls• Straws• Clothespins• Paddle pop sticks• Aluminium foil• Plastic zip lock lunch bags• String or yarn• Rubber bands• Paper clips• Pipe cleaners• Beads• Dry pasta• Tape• Sand paper• Screws and nails• Electrical Wire• Small batteries• LED or small light bulbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Styrofoam trays (not from meat, though!)• Film canisters• Old CDs• Bubble Wrap• Old tools• Metal washers• Twisty ties• Corks• Pie tins• Old iPod touches/iPhones

Any old electronic toys or small electronics that could be taken apart to help kids discover how things work would also be appreciated. Broken toys can also be supplied for students to repair, furthering their knowledge of how things work.

Not sure about something that you think could be donated? Email me and I'll let you know!

I look forward to introducing your child to a world of scientific inquiry and discovery.
Thank you for your support in this endeavour.

Sincerely,
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