

Friday 8th December 2023

**Design and Technology Unit – Spring 1 - Fun at the Fair**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Upper Juniors are very excited to announce that our Spring 1 topic will be 'All the Fun of the Fair'. During this unit, pupils will be designing and making their very own spinning funfair ride.



For this unit, children **will need to bring in a small shoe box** by **Friday 12th January 2024**. This will house the mechanism for their funfair ride design, so it is important that the shoe box is sturdy and not flimsy. As part of the design, children will need to think of a theme for their ride. For instance, is this the JUNGLE FEVER ride complete with swinging monkey chairs or is this INFINITY with little seats in the shape of rockets? The theme is up to you, but this is something we would like you to talk to your child about as they may well need your support to collect additional decorative items for the finishing touches.

From past experience, we have found that children find it extremely difficult to decorate the box at the end of the unit. Therefore, we would like to ask you to please support your child. Please can you ensure that they either paint the box or wrap it in paper linked to their theme (zebra print/flames/camouflage). **They MUST make sure the lid is NOT wrapped shut.** The inside of the shoe box needs to be fully accessible.

Over the next few weeks, please could we ask you to collect the following items:

- decorative paper (not Christmas themed)
- thick, corrugated cardboard
- items that might make suitable funfair seats, such as: yoghurt pots, deodorant lids, egg boxes, coloured cups as children will need four - six seats for their ride (possibly matching)
- ribbon and/or coloured string
- large plastic tubs and lids (Celebration, Quality Street style ones)

As the funfair rides include battery holders, batteries, motors, wheels and pulleys, we would like to ask for a small donation via Scopay (approximately £3) to contribute towards the cost of all the equipment. The children get to bring their rides home at the end of the unit.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children's creations and would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

**The Upper Junior Team**

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*'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10*

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