WHISTLESTOP SCIENCE WEEK



A ready-to-go mini science week based on paper

	ACTIVITY	DETAILS AND LINKS TO RESOURCES
MONDAY	Investigate the strength of different shapes	PSTT's Starters for Science Video 1. Paper Towers www.pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Starters-for-Science
TUESDAY	Question of the week: Which paper is best for?	Set the question - Tell the children that they can decide what they mean by 'best', e.g. they could explore what kind of paper is best for: Wrapping a present? Mopping up a mess? Writing a letter? Encourage them to explain what they think and how they decided.
WEDNESDAY	Challenge of the week: Build the tallest paper structure	Set the challenge - What is the tallest structure you can build using only newspaper, magazines or other waste paper? Encourage them to measure the height and take a picture to share.
THURSDAY	Explore Paper and Friction	PSTT's Starters for Science Video 5. Falling Paper www.pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Starters-for-Science
FRIDAY	Make and test a paper spinner	PSTT's Science Fun at Home 2. Spinning Science www.pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Science-Fun-at-Home

WHAT TO DO

- * Choose your activities for the week, for a day, or for anything in-between
- * Add or swap in any extra activities from the list overleaf
- **★ Download the resources** and share with teachers, children and families

Encourage the children to share what they have been doing and finding out

draw pictures, take photos, make voice recordings, film videos, create a scrap book, keep a diary, make a model, phone a friend or relative

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ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES		
PSTT	Science and STEM Clubs Earth Explorers – Power Up, High in the Clouds Engineering Our World – Emily Roebling: Building a Bridge www.pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/childrens-university-stem-clubs Starters for Science Video 12. Spinning Paper Starters for Science Video 3. Paper Flowers www.pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Starters-for-Science I bet you didn't know article: The disastrous effects of historical ink - how the thickness of paper affects the degradation of old documents? www.pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/cutting-edge-science-primary-schools	
BBC Teach	How is paper made? www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/primary-science-how-paper_is_made/zryb92p	
SEERIH, University of Manchester	Enquiring Science 4 All - Identifying, classifying and grouping Y1 Is all paper the same? www.seerih-innovations.org/enquiringscience4all/enquiries/identifying-classifying-grouping	
SSERC	Investigating Forces with Rocket Mice www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8w11WtGxG8&feature=emb_logo	
Science Sparks	How can you stand on a paper cup without breaking it? www.science-sparks.com/how-can-you-stand-on-a-paper-cup-without-breaking-it/	

What science conversations will happen during your Whistlestop Science Week? Why not share them **@qpstt_whyhow** or at the **Great Science Share for Schools?**

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