



## Rivington News. The Earth, moon and sun...

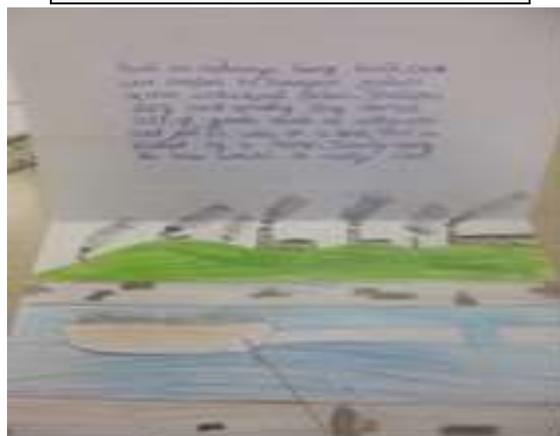
Home readers are a key part of homework and help your child to develop not only their reading skills but also their discussion and comprehension skills as well. Please could you try to ensure that your child reads everyday where possible. If they don't read their home reader but are reading a book, magazine or something else at home, please just make a quick note of it in their reading record. Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform have names in them as they easily become lost. Also please ensure your child has had a breakfast and arrives at school by 8.55am prompt each morning. Finally, swimming will continue to half term as usual. Mr Roden

Basic maths skills are essential to your child's progress in school. Please ensure they are practicing their times tables, number bonds and mental maths on an almost daily basis. This could simply be as a questions and answers session in the car, adding things up in the supermarket, counting coins in denominations, written 'sums' or possibly internet based games and apps. If children are not able to recite their times tables quickly, it WILL hold them back!

This term in Rivington Class our topic will be 'Space.' We will use science, literacy, music, art and history to explore the topic in depth. In literacy, the children will explore characterization as part of their sci-fi story writing. In science we will explore the links between time and space and some of the strange phenomena that exist in our galaxy. We will study music related to the theme of space and hopefully compose some music fit for a 'Moon Landing.' This music will then be manipulated as part of our ICT 'audio' topic where the children will learn to add effects to their compositions. In art we hope to look at the skills necessary to create 3D effects using both pencil and water colours. A short study of the Space race will be our history focus. As ever, the children will receive a sheet with 6 homework activities and are expected to complete 3 or more over the course of the half-term.

An example of the Industrial Revolution mechanisms pop-up book from our Victorians topic



**TRIP ALERT:** We are hoping to plan a trip to Liverpool planetarium for the end of this half-term. This has not yet been confirmed. The cost of this trip will be approx. £10. The trip will give our children a 3D experience of travelling through our solar system.