SCIENCE

New

Reply \

Forward

Delete

Email from: Agent Pace

To: Science Spies!

Calling all Science Spies! - Agent Pace here. I have an urgent problem requiring immediate assistance. I have got lost in Evil Dr Bunsen's top secret forest. I need a map to tell me where I am and to help me to locate his secret hideout. Once inside Dr Bunsen's headquarters I can then get hold of his secret plans to take over the world!

The problem is, all top-secret maps and messages must be written with invisible ink. Can you discover which liquid makes the best invisible ink and inform the Head of Science Spies?

SCIENCE

New

Reply \ Forward

Delete

Email from: Head of Science Spies

To: Science Spies!

Science Spies lab assistants, I have supplied you with everything you will need to make some invisible ink. Please investigate which solution will work best – the future of the operation depends on YOU!

Here are some important things to remember when investigating invisible ink:

- It should not be greasy greasy ink will show up in a light room.
- It should not have a strong smell you don't want an enemy getting a whiff of your ink!
- It should be transparent.
- It should not damage the paper.
- It should be easy to make from simple ingredients so you can make some quickly in an emergency.
- Do not write your message on very smooth, shiny paper the ink cannot be very easily absorbed.

Remember: The invisible ink you choose will need to show up when heated, so that it can be read. This means it will need to burn a bit quicker than the paper. Which of your inks do you think will work best?

New

Reply

Forward

Delete

Email from: Evil Dr Bunsen

To: Science Spies!

Hello there Science Spies,

The brilliant Dr Bunsen here. I have heard from MY spies (who are MUCH cleverer than any of you lot) that Agent Pace is lost in my private forest – shame! As he will never find my secret headquarters in the dark without a map, I might as well let him spend a night in the freezing cold forest and have him captured tomorrow.

Ha ha ha!!!

New

Reply

Forward

Delete

Message from: Evil Dr Bunsen

To: Science Spies!

Hello Science Spies,

Bunsen here. I suppose you're all feeling pretty pleased with yourselves – sending sneaky little messages with invisible ink and helping Agent Pace get his hands on my secret plans. You may have saved the world this time, but I will get you all back – just you wait and see!

Evil Dr Bunsen will never be defeated!

IANUARY 2009