



Cheshire and Stockport Science Learning Partnership

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Pupils always seem to be keen on space – whether it's wondering about whether aliens exist, or wanting to be an astronaut; and as 2018 is National Engineering Year – how about this for an opportunity? The chance to apply for a 2-day robotics workshop in Belgium

http://www.esa.int/Education/Teachers_Corner/Applications_for_ESA_robotics_and_automation_teacher_workshops_now_open_for_primary_school_teachers

British Science Week takes place in March (9-18th) and it's never too soon to start planning. There are plenty of ideas on the BSA's website

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/getting-started/>

Why not enter the poster competition <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

Entries can be from teams or individuals – and there are categories for all the different ages.

If you are hoping to organise an event and invite in an outside speaker – don't forget the STEM ambassadors, volunteers who work in STEM careers and who are happy to come and share their experiences with your pupils <https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors>

Don't forget – you can hold your own science week at any time – in fact, if you are wanting to get a STEM ambassador, there might be less demand at another time of year. And if you are still not sure about the value of science week, then do read this:

<https://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/blog/do-we-still-need-a-science-week>

With the cold weather returning recently here's a nice topical activity

<http://www.science-sparks.com/2017/01/31/why-does-salt-melt-ice-2/>

Whilst it's cold, don't forget our feathered friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GMaYT1Y590>

Next weekend is the RSPB's Big Garden bird watch https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?channel=paidsearch&gclid=CjwKCAiAy4bTBRAvEiwAFtatHK9p2_oWogACnE3r67SPzbSWFFaR3FEuxDX5ev9dB_rsNYMd7CMaCRoChc0QAvD_BwE

This would be a great way of engaging parents' with science too!

