



Cheshire and Stockport Science Learning Partnership

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Can you believe it, we are half way through the academic year? I trust you all had a well-deserved half-term break.

March is a very special month for Science, it is not only named after Mars (albeit the Roman god of war), but it is the month in which British Science Week falls. If you haven't already done so, do check out the activities and competitions <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/> I have heard about some really exciting things going on – do let us know what you are planning for your pupils. And don't forget, you can host your science week at ANY time in the year. In fact, if you are hoping to involve a STEM ambassador choosing a different week might mean better availability. STEM ambassadors are people whose work is related to science and who give their time to talk about what they do....

More here <https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors>

There's also the Great Science Share for Schools Teach Meet at the Museum of Science and Industry on Monday 5 March <https://www.greatscienceshare.org/teach-meet/> - come along and share your ideas with others. More about the Great Science Share for Schools in later issues <https://www.greatscienceshare.org/#intro>

Anyway – back to Mars; check out this STEM-literacy programme for KS2 students, written by none other than Lucy Hawking <https://www.marsdiary.org/>.

There are more suggestions for teaching science through stories here:

https://www.stem.org.uk/teaching-science-through-stories?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Social%20media&utm_campaign=Teaching%20science%20through%20stories

It might not be a trip to space, but surely visiting CERN has got to come close.... How about this for a can't be missed opportunity?

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/ondemand/424423/cern-primary-teachers-study-visit-and-follow-conference>

Can't make those dates... then have you seen the STEM learning online CPD?

<https://www.stem.org.uk/online-cpd>

Having done the Assessment for Learning in STEM teaching, I can highly recommend these courses. I found the course flexible, insightful and it really did change my practice. (In fact, so much so, I have signed up for another one!!!)

And last but not least, the sun comes out and I think of the seaside.... Inspired by these fun looking activities. Something for our early years teachers <http://www.science-sparks.com/2015/02/09/under-the-sea-activity-ideas/?platform=hootsuite>