9th – 13th March 2026

The theme for British Science Week 2026 is 'Curiosity: what's your question?'.
This theme is all about putting children and young people in the driver's seat, and encouraging them to find answers to the most pressing questions they have about the world. Curiosity is at the heart of STEM, driving research and innovation, and anyone can get started this year by simply asking a question. This could relate to a traditional science topic, or it might be about music, sport or architecture – any interest in fact!

Poster competition (running throughout the week) – Could be set as a homework task. *This year's poster competition is all about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future.*

Please choose up to 5 entries per year group and get them to me by Wednesday 18th March *so that I can complete the competition entry form and get all pieces scanned and submitted before the Easter holidays.*

Kapow
Kapow have made an interactive lesson presentation that we can access for free to be used in science week -
https://www.kapowprimary.com/british-science-week-curiosity-lesson-activity-2026/?utm_campaign=242483405-Newsletter&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_lURLeVOSqep_EEKYvKANuBalC4VIvXuLfMev68iE7Os-vmIVhZNg8Ggkp4LAkt5Qf8wsON2NYbEu27EhoUhq0MG5NSXtlFaORrJgdWaSItjRN26o&_hsmi=129534120&utm_content=feb-2&utm_source=email
The resources are saved in **subject leadership/science/science week 2026**

Plymouth Science CIC
I have saved each Year group a Science Week unit of lessons that you can look through and choose from some of the nice activities. There are 5 lessons for each year group so there is enough for 1 a day for the week.
Foundation – curious conservation
Year 1 – curious chemistry
Year 2 – curious coastlines
Year 3 - curious critters
Year 4 – curious kitchen
Year 5 – curiously close
Year 6 – cosmos of curiosity

Resources for live lessons will be saved in **subject leadership/science/science week 2026**

Smashing Stereotypes - Celebrating the diverse people and careers in science and engineering!

The below links provides a collection of profiles to show the diversity of people in scientific careers. It would be great to look at a different person each day with your class to help change perceptions of people who work in STEM careers.

https://www.britishscienceweek.org/smashing-stereotypes-the-profiles/
https://pstt.org.uk/unique-resources/a-scientist-just-like-me/

Primary Engineer interviews available on Youtube - https://www.youtube.com/@PrimaryEngineer

Yr	Theme	Event
N R	Living Things	Animal Visit – 24th March Living Eggs - arriving 9th March (collected 20t March)
1	Animal Kingdom and Plants	Animal Visit – 24th March NFU Science Farm Live: The Big Farming QUESTion KS1 (live online lesson) – Thursday 11th March 2pm (45 minutes) When a cow poos, where does it go? What do all the buttons in your tractor do? How do you train a sheepdog? How do farmers care for the wildlife on their farms? Encounter Edu Online Coral Reef Live - https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/coral-adventure-16112021
2	Animals and habitats	Animal Visit – 24th March Living Eggs - arriving 9th March (collected 20st March) NFU Science Farm Live: The Big Farming QUESTion KS1 (live online lesson) – Thursday 11th March 2pm (45 minutes) When a cow poos, where does it go? What do all the buttons in your tractor do? How do you train a sheepdog? How do farmers care for the wildlife on their farms? Encounter Edu Online – Can whales change the climate? – 11th March 2pm (45mins) https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/can-whales-change-the-climate-110325 Science enrichment workshop @ Coppice Academy Monday 9th (9-11) for 5 pupils
3	Rocks/ plants	Encounter Education Oceans of Curiosity Live Lesson Live Lesson Oceans of curiosity Encounter Edu Thursday 12th March 2pm (45 minutes) NFU Science Farm Live: The Big Farming QUESTion Part 1 (KS2) - 13th March 11am (45 minutes) How does science turn fields into feasts? Science enrichment workshop @ Coppice Academy Monday 9th (9-11) for 5 pupils
4	electricity	Encounter Education Oceans of Curiosity Live Lesson Live Lesson Oceans of curiosity Encounter Edu Thursday 12th March 2pm (45 minutes) NFU Science Farm Live: The Big Farming QUESTion Part 1 (KS2) - 13th March 11am (45 minutes) How does science turn fields into feasts? Primary engineer workshop – Amanda May National Grid chartered engineer - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sveqn5B_OxI Primary engineer workshop – How does electricty work? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNsqKz-qZoo
5	Forces	Encounter Education Oceans of Curiosity Live Lesson Live Lesson Oceans of curiosity Encounter Edu Thursday 12th March 2pm (45 minutes) NFU Science Farm Live: The Big Farming QUESTion Part 1 (KS2) - 13th March 2pm (45 minutes) How does science turn fields into feasts? Primary Engineer - Can we actually Clean up space? - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Qr6IzSzSmc Anti-gravity biscuit tin - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8paEU39LJtg&list=PLzhrhYAHUDjCTSw9DvBH05ZTn950jmMv5&index=10 Egg lander - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv4owOTPcO8&list=PLzhrhYAHUDjCTSw9DvBH05ZTn950jmMv5&index=9
6	Heart and Lungs/ Evolution	Encounter Education Oceans of Curiosity Live Lesson Live Lesson Oceans of curiosity Encounter Edu Thursday 12th March 2pm (45 minutes) NFU Science Farm Live: The Big Farming QUESTion Part 1 (KS2) - 13th March 2pm (45 minutes) How does science turn fields into feasts? Virtual Trip to Natural History Museum - https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html Visit to Arden for Science Fair – Friday 13th March Visitor talk – heart dissection – (Arden) Make a working heart model - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqMBLWABMAE

Practical Action has lots of science and STEM challenges that can be used in Science Week or at other points in the year.

https://practicalaction.org/schools/?sitesearch=any&s=