SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

HELLO!

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Primary Lead for the SLP – Lucy Appleton. I'm a primary school teacher and science lead in a Cheshire East school and have taken on this role recently. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all in the coming months and providing you with up to date science information to support the teaching of science in your school. Newsletters will be sent out on a termly basis.

SUBJECT LEADERS

Dr Sarah Earle from Bath Spa University has worked in collaboration with school in Stoke on Trent to develop a set of exemplification materials to support teachers in their moderation and discussions for teacher assessment. **KS1 Exemplification KS2 Exemplification**

If you're new to the role of science lead and you need support with getting started **The Primary Science Teaching Trust** have some great resources available to download for free.

Fancy hiring some microscopes to use at your school? **The Royal Microcopial Society** can provide you with some microscope activity kits! Just specify your preference for when you'd like to hire them and they'll send them to your school!

IDEAS AND RESOURCES

Are your children interested in live lessons with world leading scientists and frontline explorers? If so, look no further than **Encounter Edu**. A website filled with many free resources linked to science (and other curriculum areas too!)

If you need to engage your teachers with encouraging discussion around scientific enquiry, you could use **these** great enquiry posters for your science working walls. They have really worked in the school I teach in to build in discussions about different scientific enquiry for each lesson!

With the weather improving, it is a great opportunity to get the children outside when learning science! The Woodland Trust have some great free **teaching tools** to get the children enjoying the outdoors. They are also giving away **free trees** to schools to celebrate and commemorate the King's Coronation. Just sign up on the link and choose your package.

Walk to School Week on 16th-20th May is a great initiative to get children outdoors and exercising! With spring in full force and the flowers blooming, what better way to celebrate this than with **World Bee Day** on 20th May. Finally, why not put this one into your school newsletters to encourage children to get outdoors during half term - **National Children's Gardening Week** between 27th and 4th June. The perfect opportunity to enjoy spring with the whole family! You could even ask parents to send photos to upload onto your school's social media and website!

A reminder of a couple of other resources you may or may not be aware of:

- **Explorify (**Explorify have just published some EYFS activities suitable for ages 3-5 years – there are over 40 new Zoom in, Zoom out activities.
- **The Ogden Trust**
- **Plan Assessment**

UPCOMING CPD

Wirral Curriculum of Excellence – This CPD started on 25th April. It is a programme containing 10 great sessions to support science leadership in schools including 'how to teach biology', 'assessment', 'planning for excellence in science' and 'science capital and enrichment'. If you are interested in joining this, please email **slp@fallibroometrust.com**.

If you are an ECT or in your first 5 years of teaching, this remote conference will develop your confidence to teach science and support you in knowing how to plan for effective and engaging lessons! Click here for more information and to book onto the conference on 26th June: **ECT Conference - Getting Started with Primary Science**

Explore the key issues affecting science and computer science, through a series of presentations and workshops. Click here for more information and to book onto the conference on 6th July: **North West STEM Conference**

A package of 6 subject knowledge remote twilight sessions are available for two teachers from each school to attend. Potential DfE bursaries are available. Please contact Charlene Athersmith (**c.athersmith@stem.org.uk**) for further details. Click here for more information about the package and to book on: **North West Primary Science Enhancement Package**

For Wirral Headteachers and Science Leads – A conference that will further explore and build on the evidence of the Ofsted report and explore what makes for great science in schools. This conference is hosted at Eureka! Click here for more information and to book onto the conference on 3rd July: **Wirral Primary Conference**

Let's put the spotlight back on science! Join our remote CPD to support your science curriculum using the new Ofsted framework. Click here for more information and to book onto the course on 8th June: **Developing your primary science curriculum using the Ofsted framework**

WEBSITE

Please visit our website **https://slp.fallibroometrust.com/** where you can find up to date information and booking links to any CPD, as well as previous newsletters with a wealth of information about primary science.

If you have any further enquiries about possible CPD that the SLP can offer you or for any assistance with bookings, as well as anything you would like to see in your termly newsletter, please contact us at **slp@fallibroometrust.com**.

Enjoy your summer term!

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