

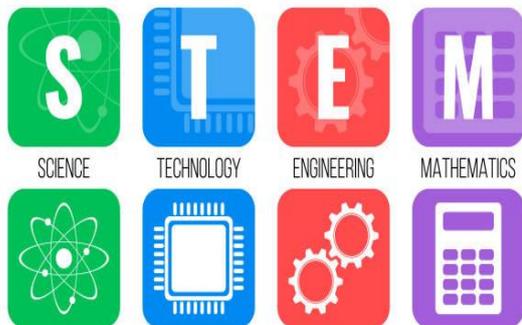


# Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership Newsletter

Primary Newsletter October 2020

**About Us:** We are the local branch of STEM Learning, the largest provider of STEM education and careers support to schools and colleges, whose **vision is to achieve a world-leading STEM education for all young people** across the UK.

The Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership (SLP) is based at Oxford Spires Academy in the heart of the city. We combine local expertise in science, teaching and learning to facilitate networks, communication, CPD, and school-to-school support. We work closely with primary and secondary schools across the region as well as local and national organisations such as OTSA, Science Oxford and Rutherford Appleton Labs, Ogden Trust and IOP and other local partners with cutting-edge expertise in science.



Welcome to our October issue - we all find ourselves in unprecedented times but we continue to look at ways to offer you our CPD programmes virtually and online and how we can deliver this to you effectively.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is important that we keep our contact information up to date. Please can you inform us up of any changes of address or email. If you are the Science Lead for your school please email [Mhoosein@spires.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:Mhoosein@spires.anthemtrust.uk)

Please pass this on to anyone you feel would benefit from receiving this information. The newsletter will be sent out during the first week of the month. If you no longer want to receive this information you can opt out at any time by emailing us.

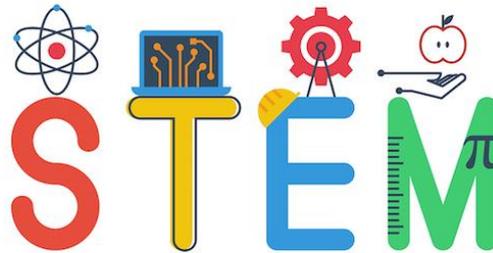
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## REMOTE CPD LEARNING COURSES



### Socially Distant Teaching

This session looks at teaching science in school under the new Covid 19 restrictions and how we can make lessons more interactive and interesting while remaining at the front of the room. It is aimed at secondary but will be just as useful for primary school teachers

In these difficult times it is highly likely that blended and remote learning will form part of normal teaching for the foreseeable future, even when students are physically in the classroom. This course aims to share the latest research and thinking in science and will be a great place to get and share ideas about how to make science interactive and interesting whilst remaining socially distant.

Participants will be able to understand and apply the latest research and thinking into effective teaching at a distance and apply these ideas to their lessons through discussion and sharing best practice.

**To book onto this course click on the link below:**

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481362/socially-distant-teaching>



## Leading primary science

On returning to school pupils may have missed some core learning which will require the long-term curriculum map to be adjusted in the short-term. This course supports subject leaders to enable them to effectively support teachers, implementing it successfully in the classroom.

You will be able to identify key features of a successful curriculum, take ownership of the intent of your science curriculum, prepare your teachers to implement your science curriculum and successfully carry out the key roles of a science subject leader to ensure successful implementation.

To book onto this course click on the link below:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/481305/back-school-leading-primary-science>

## SAVE THE DATES

### PRACTICAL PRIMARY SCIENCE

This series of three twilight sessions is designed for primary teachers who are keen to ensure they realise the potential of the primary science curriculum to inspire and nurture pupil curiosity, and facilitate 'hands-on' practical science with real world contexts. They will be held face to face at Science Oxford in a Covid secure environment (if local restrictions change then they will be switched to remote if needed)

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/482413/oxfordshire-practical-primary-science-physics>

<b>22/10/2020</b>	<b>PHYSICS</b>	<b>4PM-6PM</b>
<b>11/11/2020</b>	<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	<b>4PM-6PM</b>
<b>24/11/2020</b>	<b>BIOLOGY</b>	<b>4PM-6PM</b>

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The Science Learning Partnership would like to wish you and your families our continued support during this time. Stay safe, stay well and happy learning.

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