



SCIENCE READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH EVENTS

The 'Launch Event' can be tied in with national, regional or local science weeks or festivals, or with a science-related phenomenon such as an upcoming eclipse, an event such as St Valentine's Day (with an emphasis on the human heart), or a famous scientist's birthday. During the Launch Event, it is very important to mention science reading and science books and have some books present at the event.

Wacky Science Day

Children could visit different classrooms to take part in a range of activities – e.g. story-time in the school library, science experiments in classrooms, 'rocket launch' outside, science-related ICT tasks, science-related films, science-themed snacks.

Science Show

The whole school or a class could watch a presentation by visiting science communicators, science centre personnel, or environmental groups.

Scientist Visitor

This might be a former pupil or a parent who is a scientist or has a science-related job.

Science-related story-telling day

Teachers or visiting speakers discuss (or read aloud from) their favourite science books.

Science-themed activity day

This could be a Criminal Science Investigation day (Forensics). For resources to help you run an activity day, have a look at PSTT Curriculum Materials [Learning Science Together](#).

Science-themed 'film day'

This could be related to the science books in the school book-stock.

Science-themed dressing-up day

This could be linked to an event such as World Book Day

Science book-based treasure hunts or scavenger hunts

Author Visit

Note - this could be VERY expensive, but some local authors may like to come into school to promote their books and may do this without a fee.

School assembly

An assembly themed around science books with presentations, science-related music, science demonstrations, and science drama.

Educational visits

Classes could visit science centres, museums, a planetarium, a zoo, a farm. For more ideas about finding science outside, have a look at PSTT Curriculum Materials [Let's Go Science Trails](#)

Visit to local public library

Children might go to look at science books and could participate in science-related activities in the library.

*Remember, some of the activities you may plan will require **risk assessments** to be undertaken in advance. School policy and practice will apply to ICT-related activities including video production.*

