

Batheaston Church School

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"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share that Apple and Maple Class will be joining forces this term to explore the fascinating topic of Space! This collaborative learning experience will allow children to deepen their understanding through shared activities, creative projects, and hands-on exploration.

To enhance our topic, we have several exciting events and opportunities planned:

 **A Rocket building day on *Friday 14th November (Maple Class) Friday 21st November (Apple Class)*** – We are delighted to welcome **Catherine**, a STEM ambassador and engineer from Batheaston, who will be leading a **Rocket Making Workshop** with the children. During this hands-on session, pupils will design and build their own rockets, learning about engineering principles and how they link to space exploration. The morning will end with the thrilling opportunity to **launch their rockets** and see their creations take flight!

 **Star Gazing at night on *Tuesday 18th November*** - We warmly invite children and their families to return to school for a special Stargazing Evening, where we will observe the night sky together and look out for star constellations and meteor showers, which are predicted to be visible that night! Children will also have the opportunity to share their space-themed work with you, showcasing what they've been learning in class. To make the evening extra cosy, hot chocolate will be available for everyone. **The event will begin at 5pm and end at 6pm.** Any pupils in Play Rangers can be picked up early or we can pick them up so that they do not miss out.

 **Planetarium Experience on *Thursday 27th November*** – Lastly, we will be hosting a mobile planetarium in school, led by the Bath Astronomers Society. We are hoping this will give the children a chance to experience the wonders of our solar system in a truly magical way. There is a small cost for this experience, which spread across both classes will be £4.00 per child. This can be paid on Arbor.

Louise, Katy and I have had a lot of fun planning and organising these events. Where possible, we strive to bring topics alive and create memorable learning experiences for the children.

Thank you for your continued support in making learning magical!

Warm regards,

The Apple and Maple Class Team