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Explorer Dome Visit

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are excited to share that **the Explorer Dome is coming to St Chad's on Friday 11th December 2026.** The Explorer Dome Space Shows will support our learning enquires and be an exciting way to bring our topics to life!

Oak (EYFS): The visit will act as a pre-teach to our topic about light / darkness and space, later in the year. The focus will be: A story-telling introduction to the moon, stars and the beauty of the night time sky. Find out how to see a picture of Orion as a dot-to-dot in the winter sky and hear some of the wonderful stories written into the stars.

Willow and Beech: The visit will support our current learning about '**How and why do we explore Outer Space?'** The session will cover: The awe and wonder of space: a story-telling introduction to the earth, moon, sun and stars. Recognise that the sun is a star, find out why the sun moves across the sky, look for different phases of the moon and discover how to spot the pictures and stories in the stars.

Sycamore: The visit will support our science topic - '**Earth and Space'**. The session will cover: Explore the sun, planets and dwarf planets in our solar system, and find out what happens to stars at the end of their lives. Then go star-spotting to discover the constellations as they will appear tonight and discover the stories behind them through the gods and heroes, myths and monsters from Ancient Greece.

The cost of this experience is **£6.37 per child**, payable via Arbor under **Trips**. Please note that this payment is **non-refundable**. Although this is a voluntary contribution, the experience can only go ahead if sufficient contributions are received from parents/carers.
If your child is eligible for **targeted free school meals**, please contact the school office, as support may be available. **The deadline for payment is Monday 7th December.**

This activity will take place in school, within the normal school day. There is no need to send your child in with anything different.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Ives and the St Chad's Team