

Science Progression of Skills

Working scientifically	EYFS	KS1		LKS2		UKS2	
Working scientifically	Finding ways to solve problems.	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.	Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.	Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.
	Making predictions.	Observing closely, using simple equipment.	Observing closely, using simple equipment.	Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.	Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.
	Testing their ideas.	Performing simple tests	Performing simple tests	Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.	Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.	Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels.	Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels.
	Developing ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect.	Identifying and classifying.	Identifying and classifying.				
	Planning, making decisions about how to approach a task,	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.				
	Solve a problem and reach a goal. Checking how well their	Gathering and recording data.	Gathering and recording data to help				

	<p>activities are going.</p> <p>Changing strategy as needed.</p> <p>Reviewing how well the approach worked.</p>		<p>in answering questions.</p>		
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Chemistry

What are things made from?

Y1 - What are things made from?

Y2 - How do we choose materials?
Y5 - What are things made from and why?

Is form fixed?

Y2 – Part 1
Can we change materials?
Y4 - Is water always wet?
Y5 – Part 2
Can we change materials?

EYFS Understanding the world (Materials)	Y1 Everyday materials	Y2 Everyday materials Uses of everyday materials	Y3 Rocks	Y4 States of matter	Y5 Properties of materials Changes of materials	Y6
<p>Everyday materials Explore natural materials, indoors and outside</p> <p>Explore materials with different properties.</p> <p>Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips.</p> <p>Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials.</p> <p>Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.</p> <p>Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.</p>	<p>Everyday materials Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.</p> <p>Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.</p> <p>Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.</p> <p>Compare and group together a</p>	<p>Everyday materials Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.</p> <p>Uses of everyday materials Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</p>	<p>Rocks Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.</p> <p>Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.</p> <p>Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.</p>	<p>States of matter Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.</p> <p>Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C).</p> <p>Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of</p>	<p>Properties of materials Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.</p> <p>Changes of materials Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.</p>	

What natural objects link science with history and geography?
Y3 - Are all rocks the same?

Explore the natural world around them.

variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

evaporation with temperature.

Have knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.

Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.



Physics

Can we see and hear energy?

Y3 - What is the dark?

Y4 – How do we hear different sounds?

Y6 - How do we see?

How do things move?

EYFS & Y1 - How do things move?

Y5 – Sun, Earth and Moon: what is moving?

Can forces be useful?

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EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Seasonal changes Forces	Seasonal changes		Light Magnets	Sound Electricity	Forces Earth and Space	Light Electricity
Seasonal changes Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. Forces Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.	Seasonal changes Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.		Light Recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Notice that light is reflected from surfaces. Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect our eyes. Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. Find patterns in the way the size of shadows change. Magnets Compare how things move on different surfaces. Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic	Sound Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. Electricity Identify common appliances that run on electricity.	Forces Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. Earth and Space Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system.	Light Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. Electricity Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Compare and give reasons for variations in how

<p>EYFS – What is the use? Y3 - What can magnets do? Y4 - Can we control electricity? Y6 - Can we vary the effects of electricity?</p>				<p>forces can act at a distance.</p> <p>Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.</p> <p>Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials.</p> <p>Describe magnets as having two poles.</p> <p>Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.</p>	<p>Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.</p> <p>Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.</p> <p>Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.</p> <p>Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors</p>	<p>Describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth.</p> <p>Describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies.</p> <p>Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.</p>	<p>components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.</p> <p>Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</p>
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Biology

What kinds of life are there?

Y2 - What is alive?
 Y4 - Part 1 Living things: what's the same and what's different?
 Y5 & 6 – Part 2 Living things: what's the same and what's different?

How do living things work?

Y1 - What are bodies and what can they do?
 Y2 – How can living things stay healthy?
 Y3 - How do living things work?
 Y4 - What do our bodies do with the food we eat?

<p>Y5 & 6 - How do our choices affect how our bodies work?</p> <p>What makes life go on?</p> <p>Y1 - Do living things change or stay the same?</p> <p>Y2 - What is alive, dead or was never alive?</p> <p>What do living things need to survive?</p> <p>Can living things live forever?</p> <p>Y3 – Do living things need different things to survive?</p> <p>Y4 - Are living things in danger?</p> <p>Y5 - Do all lifecycles look the same</p> <p>How do our bodies change as we get older?</p> <p>Y6 –</p> <p>How do living things change over time and place?</p>	<p>observations and drawing pictures of plants</p> <p>Animals including humans</p> <p>Understand the key features of the life cycle of an animal.</p> <p>Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</p> <p>Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals</p>	<p>herbivores and omnivores</p> <p>I can describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)</p> <p>I can identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense</p>	<p>I can identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.</p> <p>I can describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.</p> <p>Animals including humans</p> <p>I can notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.</p> <p>I can find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).</p> <p>I can describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.</p>	<p>nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.</p> <p>I can identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.</p>	<p>producers, predators and prey.</p>		<p>Evolution and inheritance</p> <p>I can recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.</p> <p>I recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.</p> <p>I can identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.</p>
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