



SCIENCE CURRICULUM PROGRESSION

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Working Scientifically	Make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.	Ask simple questions. Observe closely, use simple equipment, and perform simple tests. Identify and classify. Gather and record data to help in answering questions.	Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. Observe closely, use simple equipment, and perform simple tests. Identify and classify, using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Gather and record data to help in answering questions.	Learn Scientific method. Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests: making careful observations. Use a range of equipment: gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data to help answer questions. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings and labelled diagrams. Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or	Apply Scientific method. Ask relevant questions and understand that there are different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests: making careful observations. Use a range of equipment: gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data to help answer questions. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and	Understand Scientific method. Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, taking repeat readings when appropriate. Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.	Understand Scientific method. Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate. Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. Use test results to make predictions to set up further

				<p>presentations of results and conclusions. Use results to draw simple conclusions and make predictions. Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and Processes. Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.</p>	<p>written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions. Use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions. Explore differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes. Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings, with increasing complexity.</p>	<p>Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations. Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.</p>	<p>comparative and fair tests. Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations. Justify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.</p>
Plants	<p>To explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animal and plants.</p>	<p>Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen plants. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common</p>	<p>Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Know that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature in order to grow well.</p>	<p>Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants. Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth and how they vary.</p>			

	<p>To describe different plants and flowers. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting developments. To plant seeds and care for growing plants. To begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. To observe changes in trees and plants as the seasons progress.</p>	<p>flowering plants, including trees.</p>		<p>Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and see dispersal.</p>			
<p>Animals, including humans</p>	<p>To recognise and name a variety of different animals. To know the names of different body parts of humans and animals they have experience of.</p>	<p>Identify and name a variety of common animals. Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Describe and compare the structure of a</p>	<p>Know that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. Describe the importance for humans of exercise,</p>	<p>Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. Identify that humans and some other animals have</p>	<p>Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains,</p>	<p>Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.</p>	<p>Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way</p>

		<p>variety of common animals. 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>eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.</p>	<p>skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.</p>	<p>identify producers, predators and prey.</p>		<p>their bodies function. Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.</p>
<p>Living things and their habitats & Evolution and inheritance</p>	<p>To develop understanding of the life cycles. To understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and animal. To explore the natural world around them.</p>		<p>Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs for different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.</p>		<p>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.</p>	<p>Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.</p>	<p>Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.</p>

			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.				
Materials	<p>To use all of their senses in exploration of materials.</p> <p>To talk about the different materials and the changes they notice.</p> <p>To explore a collection of materials with similar and/or different properties.</p> <p>To recognise that different everyday objects are made from different materials.</p> <p>To describe how different objects look and feel.</p>	<p>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 variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.</p>	<p>Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.</p> <p>Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</p>			<p>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>Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form to a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.</p> <p>Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.</p>	

						<p>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.</p> <p>Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.</p>	
Rocks				<p>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</p>			

				<p>lived are trapped within rock. Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.</p>			
Seasonal Changes	<p>To know about different types of weather. To understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</p>	<p>Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.</p>					
Light	<p>To explore different light sources. Know the difference between light and dark and how that change happens. Exploring shadows.</p>			<p>Recognise that they 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 their eyes. Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light</p>			<p>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</p>

				<p>source is blocked be an opaque object.</p> <p>Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.</p>			<p>and then to our eyes.</p> <p>Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.</p>
<p>Forces and magnets</p>	<p>Introduce magnets.</p> <p>Learn about forces: push, pull and squeeze.</p>			<p>Compare how things move on different surfaces.</p> <p>Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic 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>Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.</p> <p>Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces.</p> <p>Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.</p>	

				Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.			
States of matter	To understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.				Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. 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 Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.		
Sound	To sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person. To listen with increased attention to sounds.				Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from		

					<p>sounds travel through a medium to the ear.</p> <p>Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.</p> <p>Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.</p> <p>Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.</p>	
Electricity	To explore circuits and how bulbs are turned on/off.				<p>Identify common appliances that run on electricity.</p> <p>Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identify 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</p>	<p>Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.</p> <p>Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.</p>

					<p>complete loop with a battery. Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.</p>		<p>Use recognised symbols when representing simple circuit in a diagram.</p>
<p>Earth and Space</p>						<p>Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the sun in the solar system. Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.</p>	

