

Science curriculum

A high-quality science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Science has changed our lives and is vital to the world's future prosperity, and all children should be taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, children should be encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They should be encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes.

Science scheme of learning

EYFS

| Subject | Knowledge | Skills | Key Vocabulary |
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| ELG: The Natural World Children at the expected level of development will: - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; 15 - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. | Children know the properties of familiar objects Children know the properties of familiar materials Children know the features of familiar places, home, school, their local area, for example weather, seasons, human and natural resources. Children know the features of animals and plants in their locality and other regions studied including appearance, diet and habitat Children know that things change over time including life cycles of plants and animals Children know simple reasons why things occur for example – 'The ice has melted because it warmed up' | Children can identify the properties of objects <i>e.g. 'It is hard, if you drop it, it won't break'</i> Children can identify the properties of materials <i>e.g. 'It's waterproof – the paper underneath is not wet'</i> Children can identify the features of their immediate environment and other regions studied. <i>E.g. 'There are lots of fields where we live but in London there are lots of buildings'</i> Children can identify the features of plants and animals Children can identify changes Children can explain their thinking and understanding orally Children can compare and contrast animals, plants, places and objects. Children can make observations | because habitat environment plants animals diet descriptive language relating to objects and materials descriptive language relating to places |

| Key Stage 1 – Seasons and weather | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Observe changes across the four seasons | Children should observe and talk about changes in the weather and | year | |
| | the seasons. | season | |
| Observe and describe weather associated | | spring | |
| with the seasons and how day length varies. | Children should conduct seasonal research, such as collecting rain | summer | |
| | fall data / wind direction. | autumn | |
| Understand how seasonal changes affect flora | | winter | |
| and fauna | Note: Children should be warned that it is not safe to look directly | sunny | |
| | at the Sun, even when wearing dark glasses. | cloudy | |
| | | windy | |
| | Children might work scientifically by: making tables and charts | dry | |
| | about the weather; and making displays of what happens in the | temperature | |
| | world around them, including day length, as the seasons change. | climate | |
| • • • • | ou need the vocabulary to describe it. Eg if it is windy then you nee | d to understand what w | |
| was. | | | |

| Key Stage 1 – Materials | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Distinguish between an object and the | Children should explore, name, discuss and raise and answer | hard/soft | |
| material from which it is made | questions about everyday materials so that they become familiar | stretchy/stiff | |
| | with the names of materials and properties. | shiny/dull | |
| Identify and name a variety of everyday | | rough/smooth | |
| materials, including wood, plastic, glass, | Children should explore and experiment with a wide variety of | bendy/not bendy | |
| metal, water, and rock | materials, not only those listed in the programme of study. | waterproof/not | |
| | | waterproof | |
| Describe the simple physical properties of a | Children might work scientifically by: performing simple tests to | absorbent/not absorbent | |
| variety of everyday materials | explore questions, for example: 'What is the best material for an | opaque/transparent | |
| | umbrella?for lining a dog basket?for curtains?for a | brick | |
| Compare and group together a variety of | bookshelf?for a gymnast's leotard?' | paper | |
| everyday materials on the basis of their | | fabrics | |
| simple physical properties. | | elastic (noun) | |
| | | foil | |
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| Big Ideas: Everything is made out of somethin | ng and there is a variety of different materials | | |

| Key Stage 1 - Sound | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Identify how sounds are made, associating | Children should explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the | sound vibration | |
| some of them with something vibrating | world; and find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways. | medium ear | |
| Recognise that vibrations from sounds | | pitch | |
| travel through a medium to the ear | Children might work scientifically by: finding patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or | volume faint(er) | |
| Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it | elastic bands of different thicknesses. They might make earmuffs from a variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound. They could make and play their own | source of the sound thickness | |
| Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it | instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume. | insulation | |
| Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. | | | |
| Big Ideas: There is a source for every sound. Sound radiates out from its source. Sounds travels at 343 meters per second. | | | |

| Key Stage 1 – Building things | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Identify and compare the suitability of a | Children should identify and discuss the uses of different everyday | wood | |
| variety of everyday materials, including | materials so that they become familiar with how some materials are | metal | |
| wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, | used for more than one thing (metal can be used for coins, cans, cars and | plastic | |
| paper and cardboard for particular uses | table legs; wood can be used for matches, floors, and telegraph poles) or | glass | |
| | different materials are used for the same thing (spoons can be made | brick | |
| Find out how the shapes of solid objects | from plastic, wood, metal, but not normally from glass). | rock | |
| made from some materials can be changed | | paper | |
| by squashing, bending, twisting and | They should think about the properties of materials that make them | cardboard | |
| stretching. | suitable or unsuitable for particular purposes and they should be | solid | |
| | | liquid | |

| | encouraged to think about unusual and creative uses for everyday | gas |
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| | materials. | squashing |
| | | bending |
| | Children might find out about people who have developed useful new | twisting |
| | materials, for example John Dunlop, Charles Macintosh or John McAdam. | stretching |
| | | elastic (v) |
| | Children might work scientifically by: comparing the uses of everyday | properties |
| | materials in and around the school with materials found in other places | suitable |
| | (at home, the journey to school, on visits, and in stories, rhymes and | unsuitable |
| | songs); observing closely, identifying and classifying the uses of different | |
| | materials, and recording their observations. | |
| Big Ideas: some materials are more suitable for | r specific jobs (glass or cling film for a window?) A combination of factors a | re needed to |
| choose the most appropriate. | | |

| Key Stage 1 - Plants | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Identify and name a variety of common | Children should use the local environment throughout the year to | plant | |
| wild and garden plants, including | explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat. | deciduous | |
| deciduous and evergreen trees | Where possible, they should observe the growth of flowers and | evergreen | |
| | vegetables that they have planted. | leaves | |
| Identify and describe the basic structure | | flowers (blossom) | |
| of a variety of common flowering plants, | They should become familiar with common names of flowers, | petals | |
| including trees. | examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and plant structures. | fruit | |
| | | roots | |
| Investigate, observe and describe how | Children should be introduced to the requirements of plants for | bulb | |
| seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants | germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of | seed | |
| | reproduction and growth in plants. | trunk | |
| Find out and describe how plants need | | bud | |
| water, light and a suitable temperature | Children might work scientifically by: observing closely, perhaps | branches | |
| to grow and stay healthy. | using magnifying glasses, and comparing and contrasting familiar | stem | |
| | plants; describing how they were able to identify and group them, and drawing diagrams showing the parts of different plants including trees. | magnifying glass | |

| | Key Stage 1 – Animal Kingdom | 1 |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Explore and compare the | Children should be introduced to the idea that all living things have certain characteristics that | characteristics |
| differences between things that | are essential for keeping them alive and healthy. They should raise and answer questions that | living |
| are living, dead, and things that | help them to become familiar with the life processes that are common to all living things. | non-living |
| have never been alive | | dead |
| | Children should be introduced to the terms 'habitat' (a natural environment or home of a | habitat |
| Identify that most living things | variety of plants and animals) and 'micro-habitat' (a very small habitat, for example for | micro-habitat |
| live in habitats to which they are | woodlice under stones, logs or leaf litter). | food chain |
| suited and describe how different | | source |
| habitats provide for the basic | They should raise and answer questions about the local environment that help them to | environment |
| needs of different kinds of | identify and study a variety of plants and animals within their habitat and observe how living | food |
| animals and plants, and how they | things depend on each other, for example, plants serving as a source of food and shelter for | shelter |
| depend on each other | animals. | seashore |
| | | sea |
| Identify and name a variety of | Children should compare animals in familiar habitats with animals found in less familiar | ocean |
| plants and animals in their | habitats, for example, on the seashore, in woodland, in the ocean, in the rainforest. | woodland |
| habitats, including micro-habitats | | forest |
| | Children might work scientifically by: sorting and classifying things according to whether they | rainforest |
| Children know what an | are living, dead or were never alive, and recording their findings using charts. They should | invertebrate |
| invertebrate and vertebrate are. | describe how they decided where to place things, exploring questions for example: 'Is a flame alive? Is a deciduous tree dead in winter?' and talk about ways of answering their questions. | vertebrate |
| Children know the differences | They could construct a simple food chain that includes humans (e.g. grass, cow, human). They | |
| between mammals and birds. | could describe the conditions in different habitats and micro-habitats (under log, on stony | |
| | path, under bushes) and find out how the conditions affect the number and type(s) of plants | |
| Describe how animals obtain | and animals that live there. | |
| their food from plants and other | | |
| animals, using the idea of a | | |
| simple food chain, and identify | | |
| and name different sources of | | |
| food. | | |
| Big Ideas: Things are either livin | g, dead or have never been alive. What makes something living? (Trees breathe) Differen | t habitats, which |
| have creatures, which are adapt | ed to live there. Animals obtain their food from plants and other animals. Plants get their | energy from the |
| sun. | | |

| Key Stage 1 - Light | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| | Children should explore what happens when light reflects off a mirror or | light | |
| Recognise that they need light in order to | other reflective surfaces, including playing mirror games to help them to | dark | |
| see things and that dark is the absence of | answer questions about how light behaves. | shadow | |
| light | | reflect(ive) | |
| | They should think about why it is important to protect their eyes from | mirror | |
| Notice that light is reflected from surfaces | bright lights. | surface | |
| | | natural/artificial | |
| Recognise that light from the sun can be | They should look for, and measure, shadows, and find out how they are | source of light | |
| dangerous and that there are ways to | formed and what might cause the shadows to change. | block | |
| protect their eyes | | opaque | |
| | Note: Children should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the | translucent | |
| Recognise that shadows are formed when | Sun, even when wearing dark glasses. | transparent | |
| the light from a light source is blocked by an | | | |
| opaque object | Children might work scientifically by: looking for patterns in what | | |
| | happens to shadows when the light source moves or the distance | | |
| Find patterns in the way that the size of | between the light source and the object changes. | | |
| shadows change. | | | |
| Big Ideas: Light needs to come from a light sc | urce which can be natural or man-made. Darkness is the absence of light. L | ight travels in a | |
| straight line. | | 0 | |

| Key Stage 1 – Human Lifestyle | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Notice that animals, including | Children should be introduced to the basic needs of humans for | animal | |
| humans, have offspring which grow | survival, as well as the importance of exercise and nutrition for | human | |
| into adults | humans. They should also be introduced to the processes of | reproduction | |
| | reproduction and growth in animals. | offspring | |
| Find out about and describe the | | baby | |
| basic needs of humans for survival | The focus at this stage should be on questions that help children to | toddler | |
| (water, food and air) | recognise growth; they should not be expected to understand how | child | |
| | reproduction occurs. | teenager | |

| Describe the importance for humans | | adult |
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| of exercise, eating the right amounts | Growing into adults can include reference to baby, toddler, child, | life-cycle |
| of different types of food, and | teenager, adult. | egg, chick, chicken; egg, |
| hygiene. | | caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; |
| | Children might work scientifically by: observing, through video or first- | spawn, tadpole, frog; |
| | hand observation and measurement, how different animals, including | lamb, sheep |
| | humans, grow; asking questions about what things animals need for | grow(th) |
| | survival and what humans need to stay healthy; and suggesting ways to | water |
| | find answers to their questions. | food |
| | | air |
| | | survival |
| | | exercise |
| | | nutrition |
| | | diet (eating habits) |
| | | hygiene |
| | | health(y) |
| Big Ideas: You need to need a variety of factors to be healthy. Living things have stages in their growth. | | |

| Key Stage 1 - Changing materials | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Distinguish between manmade and natural | Children should explore, name, discuss and raise and answer | hard/soft | |
| materials | questions about everyday materials so that they become familiar | stretchy/stiff | |
| | with the names of materials and properties. | shiny/dull | |
| Describe the simple physical properties of a | | rough/smooth | |
| variety of everyday materials | Children should explore and experiment with a wide variety of | bendy/not bendy | |
| | materials, not only those listed in the programme of study. | waterproof/not | |
| Know how materials including solids can be | | waterproof | |
| changed | Children should investigate the properties of materials and draw | absorbent/not absorbent | |
| | conclusions from their results. | opaque/transparent | |
| Understand when materials are absorbent | | brick | |
| | Children might work scientifically by: performing simple tests to | paper | |
| Understand why we change materials | explore questions, for example: 'What is the best material for an | fabrics | |
| | umbrella?for lining a dog basket?for curtains?for a | elastic (noun) | |
| | bookshelf?for a gymnast's leotard?' | foil | |

| Big Ideas: Everything is made out of somethin | g and there is a variety of different materials | |
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| Key Stage 1 - Space | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Describe the movement | Children should be introduced to a model of the Sun and Earth that enables them to explain | Solar system |
| of the Earth, and other | day and night. | Sun |
| planets, relative to the | | star |
| Sun in the solar system | Children should learn that the Sun is a star at the centre of our solar system and that it has | Earth |
| | eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune (Pluto was | Moon |
| Describe the movement | reclassified as a 'dwarf planet' in 2006). | orbit |
| of the Moon relative to | | spherical |
| the Earth | They should understand that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet (Earth has one | rotation |
| | moon; Jupiter has four large moons and numerous smaller ones) | day |
| Describe the Sun, Earth | | night |
| and Moon as | Note: Children should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the Sun, even when | seasons |
| approximately spherical | wearing dark glasses. | Mercury, Venus, |
| bodies | | Earth, Mars, |
| | Children should find out about the way that ideas about the solar system have developed, | Jupiter, Saturn, |
| Understand how space | understanding how the geocentric model of the solar system gave way to the heliocentric | Uranus and |
| has been explored and | model by considering the work of scientists such as Ptolemy, Alhazen and Copernicus. | Neptune, Pluto |
| understood | | Sundial |
| | Children might work scientifically by: comparing the time of day at different places on the | midday |
| | Earth through internet links and direct communication; creating simple models of the solar | midnight |
| | system; constructing simple shadow clocks and sundials, calibrated to show midday and the | astronomical |
| | start and end of the school day; finding out why some people think that structures such as | |
| | Stonehenge might have been used as astronomical clocks. | |
| - | e of the solar system. The moon is a satellite which orbits the Earth and the phases of the moo ion on its axis. A year is a full orbit of a star. Children need to be aware of distances and how fa | |

| Key Stage 1 - Habitats | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Explore and compare the | Children should be introduced to the idea that all living things have certain characteristics that | characteristics |
| differences between things that | are essential for keeping them alive and healthy. They should raise and answer questions that | living |
| are living, dead, and things that | help them to become familiar with the life processes that are common to all living things. | non-living |
| have never been alive | | dead |
| | Children should be introduced to the terms 'habitat' (a natural environment or home of a | habitat |
| Identify that most living things | variety of plants and animals) and 'micro-habitat' (a very small habitat, for example for | micro-habitat |
| live in habitats to which they are | woodlice under stones, logs or leaf litter). | food chain |
| suited and describe how different | | source |
| habitats provide for the basic | Children should compare animals in familiar habitats with animals found in less familiar | environment |
| needs of different kinds of | habitats, for example, on the seashore, in woodland, in the ocean, in the rainforest. | food |
| animals and plants, and how they | | shelter |
| depend on each other | Children might work scientifically by: sorting and classifying things according to whether they | seashore |
| | are living, dead or were never alive, and recording their findings using charts. They should | sea |
| Identify and name a variety of | describe how they decided where to place things, exploring questions for example: 'Is a flame | ocean |
| plants and animals in their | alive? Is a deciduous tree dead in winter?' and talk about ways of answering their questions. | woodland |
| habitats, including micro-habitats | They could construct a simple food chain that includes humans (e.g. grass, cow, human). They | forest |
| | could describe the conditions in different habitats and micro-habitats (under log, on stony | rainforest |
| | path, under bushes) and find out how the conditions affect the number and type(s) of plants | |
| | and animals that live there. | |
| Big Ideas: Things are either livin | g, dead or have never been alive. What makes something living? (Trees breathe) Differen | t habitats, which |
| | ed to live there. Animals obtain their food from plants and other animals. Plants get their | |
| sun. | | |

| Key Stage 1 – Mixing and making | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| | Children should explore a variety of everyday materials and develop | states of matter |
| Compare and group materials together, | simple descriptions of the states of matter (solids hold their shape; | solid |
| according to whether they are solids, liquids | liquids form a pool not a pile; gases escape from an unsealed container). | liquid |
| or gases | | gas |
| | Children should observe water as a solid, a liquid and a gas and should | properties |
| Observe that some materials change state | note the changes to water when it is heated or cooled. | particles |
| when they are heated or cooled, and | | evaporation |
| measure or research the temperature at | Note: Teachers should avoid using materials where heating is associated | solidification |
| which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) | with chemical change, for example, through baking or burning. | condensation |

| Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. | Children might work scientifically by: grouping and classifying a variety of different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when iron melts or when oxygen condenses into a liquid. They might observe and record evaporation over a period of time, for example, a puddle in the playground or washing on a line, and investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen melting. | the water cycle melting |
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| Big Ideas: Materials can change state. Materials | als can exist in all three states. The relative density of a material determines | its state. |

| Lower KS2 – Practical skills | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Know how to plan a 'fair test' | Identify the variables in a range of experiments | Test |
| Know how to work as part of a team | Define a dependent, independent and control variable | Diagrams |
| Identify good scientific diagrams | Can follow the instructions in a method | Results |
| Know how to present results | Can write a method for an investigation | Conclusion |
| Know how to interpret results | Draw a range of scientific diagrams | Investigation |
| Know how to present a conclusion | Can use scientific diagrams to identify an organism or object | Variable |
| Know how to edit an investigation report | Describe how to collect results | Experiment |
| | Can draw a results table | Method |
| | Can write a conclusion | Organism |
| | Can draft an investigation report | report |
| | Can redraft an investigation report | |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Forces | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| | Know how to measure a force | forces |
| Compare how things move on different | | push |
| surfaces | Know how to investigate the impact forces have on objects | pull |
| | | attract |
| Understand how we measure forces | Children might work scientifically by: comparing how different things | repel |
| | move and grouping them; raising questions and carrying out tests to find | friction |
| Understand the difference in contact and | out how far things move on different surfaces and gathering and | magnet(ic) |
| non-contact forces | recording data to find answers their questions; exploring the strengths of | bar magnet |
| | different magnets and finding a fair way to compare them; sorting | ring magnet |
| Understand the impact forces have on | materials into those that are magnetic and those that are not; looking for | button magnet |
| objects that float | patterns in the way that magnets behave in relation to each other and | horseshoe magnet |
| | what might affect this, for example, the strength of the magnet or which | contact |
| Understand the impact forces have on | pole faces another; identifying how these properties make magnets | poles/polarity |
| gears, levers and pulleys | useful in everyday items and suggesting creative uses for different | |
| | magnets. | |
| Big Ideas: Only metals containing iron are magnetic. Magnetism is a type of force | | |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Sound | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating Understand how different sounds are produced | Children should explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the world; and find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways. Explore how sounds are made and their uses. | sound vibration medium ear pitch volume |
| Understand pitch, frequency and amplitude. Understand how we use sound Understand devices that use sound | Children might work scientifically by: finding patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or elastic bands of different thicknesses. They might make earmuffs from a variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound. They could make and play their own instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume. | faint(er) source of the sound thickness insulation |
| | Sound radiates out from its source. Sounds travels at 343 meters per second | |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Adaptations | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information | Children should find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time. | fossils offspring characteristics |
| about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago | They should be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring, for instance by considering different breeds of dogs, and what happens when, for example, Labradors are crossed with poodles. | breed of animal evolution inheritance |
| Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents | They should also appreciate that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments, for example, by exploring how giraffes' necks got longer, or the development of insulating fur on the arctic fox. Children might find out about the work of palaeontologists such as Mary Anning and about how Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace developed their ideas on evolution. | adapt(ion) environment palaeontologist Mary Anning Charles Darwin Alfred Wallace |
| | Note: At this stage, children are not expected to understand how genes and chromosomes work. | Mutation |

| Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. | Children might work scientifically by: observing and raising questions about local animals and how they are adapted to their environment; comparing how some living things are adapted to survive in extreme conditions, for example, cactuses, penguins and camels. They might analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two feet rather than four, having a long or a short beak, having gills or lungs, tendrils on climbing plants, brightly coloured and scented flowers. | |
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| Big Ideas: Evolution is driven by need to need to survive in your environment. There is competition for finite resources. You inherit | | |
| characteristics from your parents and this is supplemented by your environmental and cultural experiences. | | |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Plants | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Identify and describe the functions of | Children should be introduced to the relationship between structure and | roots |
| different parts of flowering plants: roots, | function: the idea that every part has a job to do. They should explore | stem |
| stem/trunk, leaves and flowers | questions that focus on the role of the roots and stem in nutrition and | trunk |
| | support, leaves for nutrition and flowers for reproduction. | leaves |
| Explore the requirements of plants for life | | flowers |
| and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from | Note: Children can be introduced to the idea that plants can make their | fruits |
| soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant | own food, but at this stage they do not need to understand how this happens. | flowering plants grow(th) |
| | | air |
| nvestigate the way in which water is | Children might work scientifically by: comparing the effect of different | light |
| ransported within plants | factors on plant growth, for example, the amount of light, the amount of | water |
| | fertiliser; discovering how seeds are formed by observing the different | nutrients |
| Explore the part that flowers play in the life | stages of plant life cycles over a period of time; looking for patterns in | nutrition |
| cycle of flowering plants, including | the structure of fruits that relate to how the seeds are dispersed. They | fertiliser |
| collination, seed formation and seed | might observe how water is transported in plants, for example, by | transportation |
| dispersal. | putting cut, white carnations into coloured water and observing how | life cycle |
| | water travels up the stem to the flowers. | pollination |
| | | seed formation |
| | | seed dispersal |
| | | factors/variables |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Light | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines | Explore the way that light behaves, including light sources, reflection and shadows. They should talk about what happens and make predictions. | light reflect(ion) eye |
| 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 | Children might work scientifically by: deciding where to place rear-view mirrors on cars; designing and making a periscope and using the idea that light appears to travel in straight lines to explain how it works. | light source rear-view mirror periscope shadow |
| 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. The structure of the eye will determine how an object is seen. | They might investigate the relationship between light sources, objects and shadows by using shadow puppets. They could extend their experience of light by looking a range of phenomena including rainbows, colours on soap bubbles, objects looking bent in water and coloured filters (they do not need to explain why these phenomena occur). | prism rainbow |
| Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. | | |
| | split. We can only see certain wavelengths. The angle, brightness and the one shadow. Angle of incidence is the same as the angle of reflection. | distance of the light |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Phases of matter | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases | Children should explore a variety of everyday materials and develop simple descriptions of the states of matter (solids hold their shape; liquids form a pool not a pile; gases escape from an unsealed container). | states of matter solid liquid gas | |
| 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) | Children should observe water as a solid, a liquid and a gas and should note the changes to water when it is heated or cooled including what happens to the particles. | properties particles evaporation solidification condensation | |

| Understand how we measure boiling and melting points Know some materials don't fit into solids, liquids and gasses categories Children might work scientifically by: grouping and classifying a variety of different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when iron melts or when oxygen condenses into a liquid. | including what happens to the particles in a material. | Note: Teachers should avoid using materials where heating is associated with chemical change, for example, through baking or burning. | the water cycle melting | |
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| | melting points Know some materials don't fit into solids, liquids and gasses categories | different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when | | |
| They might observe and record evaporation over a period of time, for example, a puddle in the playground or washing on a line, and investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen melting. Big Ideas: Materials can change state. Materials can exist in all three states. The relative density of a material determines its state. | | investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen melting. | | |

| Lower Key Stage 2 – Rock cycle | | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | | |
| | Linked with work in geography, children should explore different kinds of | rock | | |
| Compare and group together different | rocks and soils, including those in the local environment. | appearance | | |
| kinds of rocks on the basis of their | | physical | | |
| appearance and simple physical | Children should explore how rocks change on the Earth's surface. | properties | | |
| properties | | fossil | | |
| | Children might work scientifically by: observing rocks, including those used | soil | | |
| Describe in simple terms how fossils are | in buildings and gravestones, and exploring how and why they might have | organic matter | | |
| formed when things that have lived are | changed over time; using a hand lens or microscope to help them to identify | inorganic matter | | |
| petrified within rock | and classify rocks according to whether they have grains or crystals, and | erosion | | |
| | whether they have fossils in them. Children might research and discuss the | weathering | | |
| Recognise that soils are made from rocks | different kinds of living things whose fossils are found in sedimentary rock | magnifying | | |
| and organic matter. | and explore how fossils are formed. | glass/hand lens | | |
| | | microscope | | |
| | Children could explore different soils and identify similarities and | grains | | |
| | differences between them and investigate what happens when rocks are | crystals | | |
| | | igneous | | |

| | rubbed together or what changes occur when they are in water. They can raise and answer questions about the way soils are formed. | sedimentary metamorphic volcano petrified | | |
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| Big Ideas: Rocks are formed in a variety of different ways. Soils are made from minerals (sand, silt, clay), organic matter, air and water. | | | | |

| Lower Key Stage 2 - Ecosystems | | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | | |
| Understand what an ecosystem is | Children should use the local environment throughout the year to study | living organisms | | |
| | ecosystems as well as non-local ecosystems. | classification | | |
| Understand that animals have varying diets | | environment | | |
| | Children should explore the impact of animals on an ecosystem and how | habitat | | |
| Understand the role of each type of animal | they are interlinked. | ecosystem | | |
| in an ecosystem | | flowering/non | | |
| | Children should explore examples of human impact (both positive and | flowering plants | | |
| Understand food chains and webs | negative) on environments, for example, the positive effects of nature | vertebrate | | |
| | reserves, ecologically planned parks, or garden ponds, and the negative | invertebrate | | |
| Understand the impact of humans on | effects of population and development, litter or deforestation. | fish | | |
| ecosystems and food webs | | amphibian | | |
| | Children might work scientifically by: using and making simple guides or | reptile | | |
| | keys to explore and identify local plants and animals; making a guide to | bird | | |
| | local living things; raising and answering questions based on their | mammal | | |
| | observations of animals and what they have found out about other | snails/slugs | | |
| | animals that they have researched. | worms | | |
| | | spiders/arachnids | | |
| | | insects | | |
| | | human impact | | |
| | | environmental | | |
| | | impact | | |
| | | nature reserve | | |
| | | pollution /litter | | |
| | | deforestation | | |

Big Ideas: Natural events and human impact can affect the environment and therefore the habitat and the organisms that live in it are also affected. Basic groups can be classified further.

| Knowledge | | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
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| Children understand the differences in raw and synthetic materials. Children understand the link between raw and synthetic materials and how materials are made. Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible Children understand the importance of | expl They Sper inve Child recy Child exar | dren should build a more systematic understanding of materials by oring and comparing the properties of a broad range of materials. y should find out about how chemists create new materials, for example, ncer Silver, who invented the glue for sticky notes or Ruth Benerito, who nted wrinkle-free cotton. dren should explore how materials are made and the importance of cling materials on the environment. dren might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for nple, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm | properties of materials hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) dissolve solution mixture separation solids, liquids and |
| recycling materials | curta They whe and cook | et, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout ains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. y could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, n burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, king, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super- sy and super-thin materials. | gases filtering, sieving and evaporating changes of state reversible acid burning bicarbonate of soda chemical reaction rusting evaporation filtering sieving melting |

| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
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| | Children should be introduced to the main body parts associated with | digestive system |
| Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans | the digestive and respiratory system and explore questions that help them to understand their special functions. | mouth, tongue, teeth, |
| | | oesophagus, |
| Identify the different types of teeth in | Children might work scientifically by: comparing the teeth of carnivores | stomach and smal |
| humans and their simple functions | and herbivores, and suggesting reasons for differences; finding out what | and large intestine |
| | damages teeth and how to look after them. They might draw and discuss | incisor |
| Children understand the functions of the | their ideas about the digestive system and compare them with models or | canine |
| respiratory system | images. | molar teeth |
| | | food chain |
| | | producer |
| | | predator |
| | | prey |
| | | carnivore |
| | | herbivore |
| | | omnivore |

| Upper Key Stage 2 – Separating mixtures | | | |
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| Knowledge | | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution | siev | y should explore reversible changes, including, evaporating, filtering, ring, melting and dissolving, recognising that melting and dissolving are erent processes. | properties of materials hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity |

| Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to | Children should explore changes that are difficult to reverse, for example, | (electrical and |
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| decide how mixtures might be separated, | burning, rusting and other reactions, for example, vinegar with bicarbonate of | thermal) |
| including through filtering, sieving and | soda. They should find out about how chemists create new materials, for | dissolve |
| evaporating | example, Spencer Silver, who invented the glue for sticky notes or Ruth | solution |
| | Benerito, who invented wrinkle-free cotton. | mixture |
| Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and | | separation |
| changes of state are reversible changes | Note: Children are not required to make quantitative measurements about | solids, liquids and |
| | conductivity and insulation at this stage. It is sufficient for them to observe that | gases |
| Explain that some changes result in the | some conductors will produce a brighter bulb in a circuit than others and that | filtering, sieving and |
| formation of new materials, and that this kind | some materials will feel hotter than others when a heat source is placed against | evaporating |
| of change is not usually reversible, including | them. Safety guidelines should be followed when burning materials. | changes of state |
| changes associated with burning and the action | | reversible |
| of acid on bicarbonate of soda. | Children might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for | irreversible |
| | example, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm | acid |
| | jacket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout | burning |
| | curtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. | bicarbonate of soda |
| | They could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, | chemical reaction |
| | when burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research | rusting |
| | and discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, | evaporation |
| | cooking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super- | filtering |
| | sticky and super-thin materials. | sieving |
| | | melting |
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| Upper Key Stage 2 – Diet and lifestyle | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | |
| Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function | Children should build on their learning from years 3 and 4 about the main body parts and internal organs (skeletal, muscular and digestive system) to | circulatory system heart blood vessels artery | |

| Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. | explore and answer questions that help them to understand how the circulatory system enables the body to function. Children should learn how to keep their bodies healthy and how their bodies might be damaged – including how some drugs and other substances can be harmful to the human body. Children might work scientifically by: exploring the work of scientists and scientific research about the relationship between diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle and health. | vein oxygenated deoxygenated blood cells white blood cells Red blood cells plasma plateletsa diet exercise drugs medicines lifestyle health(y) | | |
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| Big Ideas: When drugs can be medicines and when they can be harmful. Linked to PHSE and healthy lifestyles. All the systems in the body are interlinked. Diet, exercise, anxiety can affect you heart rate. Blood transports oxygen, nutrients, anti-bodies. Blood is made in the bones. The heart is a muscle. | | | | |

| Upper Key Stage 2 - Heat | | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | | |
| Children understand what happens when you heat particles including expansion of a material | Children should build a more systematic understanding of materials by exploring and comparing the properties of a broad range of materials. | properties of materials hardness, solubility, | | |
| Children understand thermal equilibrium and how heat passes between particles | Children should explore what happens to materials when heated and how we can prevent items from being heated. | transparency, conductivity (electrical and | | |
| Children understand thermal conductors and insulators | Note: Children are not required to make quantitative measurements about conductivity and insulation at this stage. It is sufficient for them to observe that some conductors will produce a brighter bulb in a circuit than others and that some materials will feel hotter than others when a heat source is placed against them. Safety guidelines should be followed when burning materials. | thermal) dissolve solution mixture separation solids, liquids and | | |
| | Children might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for example, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm jacket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout | gases filtering, sieving and evaporating | | |

| curtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. They could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, when burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research and discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, cooking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super- sticky and super-thin materials. | changes of state reversible irreversible acid burning bicarbonate of soda chemical reaction rusting evaporation filtering sieving |
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| | sieving melting |

| Upper Key Stage 2 - Sustainability | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Children understand what everyday materials are made of | Children should explore how materials are use and reused or recycled. | properties of materials |
| | Children should explore the impact of material use including burning of | hardness, solubility, |
| Children understand the life cycle of materials and why recycling is important | materials and the impact it has on the environment. | transparency, conductivity (electrical and |
| Children understand what happens to materials | Children might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for | thermal) |
| (fuels) when they are burnt | example, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm | dissolve |
| | jacket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout | solution |
| Children understand the concept of global | curtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. | mixture |
| warming and climate change | They could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, | separation |
| | when burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research | solids, liquids and |
| | and discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, | gases |
| | cooking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super- | filtering, sieving and |
| | sticky and super-thin materials. | evaporating |
| | | changes of state |
| | | reversible |
| | | irreversible |
| | | acid |

| | burning |
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| | bicarbonate of soda |
| | chemical reaction |
| | rusting |
| | evaporation |
| | filtering |
| | sieving |
| | melting |
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| Big Ideas: Need to know the difference between a mixture and a solution and how to separate them. Changes can be either reversible or | |
| irreversible. | |

| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
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| Children know what is happening in a state change | Children should explore changes of state both physical and chemical. | states of matter solid |
| | Children might work scientifically by: grouping and classifying a variety of | liquid |
| Children understand physical and chemical | different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances | gas |
| changes and the differences between them | such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research | properties particles |
| Children understand chemical reactions | the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when | evaporation |
| | iron melts or when oxygen condenses into a liquid. | solidification condensation |
| | They might observe and record evaporation over a period of time, for | the water cycle |
| | example, a puddle in the playground or washing on a line, and | melting |
| | investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen | |
| | melting. | |

| Upper Key Stage 2 – Reproductive cycles | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Describe the differences in the life cycles of | Children should study and raise questions about their local environment | life cycle |
| a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a | throughout the year. They should observe life-cycle changes in a variety | plant |
| bird | of living things, for example, plants in the vegetable garden or flower | animal |

| | border, and animals in the local environment. They should find out about | mammal |
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| Describe the life process of reproduction in | the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists, for example, David | insect |
| some plants and animals. | Attenborough and Jane Goodall. | amphibian |
| | | fish |
| | Children should find out about different types of reproduction, including | reptile |
| | sexual and asexual reproduction in plants, and sexual reproduction in | sexual |
| | animals. | reproduction |
| | | asexual |
| | Children might work scientifically by: observing and comparing the life | reproduction |
| | cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with other plants | habitat |
| | and animals around the world (in the rainforest, in the oceans and in | ecosystem |
| | desert areas), asking pertinent questions and suggesting reasons for | environment |
| | similarities and differences. They might try to grow new plants from | rainforest |
| | different parts of the parent plant, for example, seeds, stem and root | oceans |
| | cuttings, tubers, bulbs. They might observe changes in an animal over a | desert |
| | period of time (for example, by hatching and rearing chicks), comparing | Metamorphosis |
| | how different animals reproduce and grow. | |

| Upper Key Stage 2 – Particles and chemical reactions | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Children understand how particles behave in liquids and gasses. | hey should explore reversible changes, including, evaporating, filtering, sieving, melting and dissolving, recognising that melting and dissolving are different processes. | properties of materials hardness, solubility, |
| Children understand how particles look in a pure substance | Children should explore changes that are difficult to reverse, for example, burning, rusting and other reactions, for example, vinegar with bicarbonate of | transparency, conductivity (electrical and |
| Understand what happens particles during dissolving | soda. They should find out about how chemists create new materials, for example, Spencer Silver, who invented the glue for sticky notes or Ruth Benerito, who invented wrinkle-free cotton. | thermal) dissolve solution |
| Understand how mixtures can be separated | Children might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for | mixture separation |
| Understand when a chemical reaction has taken place | example, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm jacket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout | solids, liquids and gases |

| | curtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. | filtering, sieving and |
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| Understand what happens to particles during | They could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, | evaporating |
| ourning | when burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research | changes of state |
| | and discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, | reversible |
| | cooking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super- | irreversible |
| | sticky and super-thin materials. | acid |
| | | burning |
| | | bicarbonate of soda |
| | | chemical reaction |
| | | rusting |
| | | evaporation |
| | | filtering |
| | | sieving |
| | | melting |
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| Upper Key Stage 2 – Electrical circuits | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Identify common appliances that run on electricity | Children should construct simple series circuits, to help them to answer questions about what happens when they try different components, for example, switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors. They should learn how to | brightness volume cell |
| Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and | represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols. | battery series circuit parallel circuit |
| buzzers Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a | Children should construct simple series circuits, trying different components, for example, bulbs, buzzers and motors, and including switches, and use their circuits to create simple devices. Children should | component symbol switches |
| simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with | draw the circuit as a pictorial representation. | buzzers lamps |
| a battery | Note: The Curriculum states that children are expected to learn only | |
| Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit | about series circuits, not parallel circuits. However it is helpful to learn about parallel circuits. Children should be taught to take the necessary precautions for working safely with electricity. | |

| Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. | Children might work scientifically by: systematically identifying the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit; designing and making a set of traffic lights, a burglar alarm or some other useful circuit. | |
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| 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 components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches | | |
| Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. | | |
| Big Ideas: The voltage directly affects the output of the component. A circuit diagram can be represented with symbols to make it easily replicated and understood. | | |

| Upper Key Stage 2 - Magnetism | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| | Children should observe that magnetic forces can act without direct | forces |
| Compare how things move on different | contact, unlike most forces, where direct contact is necessary (for | push |
| surfaces | example, opening a door, pushing a swing). They should explore the | pull |
| | behaviour and everyday uses of different magnets (for example, bar, | attract |
| Notice that some forces need contact | ring, button and horseshoe). | repel |
| between two objects, but magnetic forces | | friction |
| can act at a distance | Children might work scientifically by: comparing how different things | magnet(ic) |
| | move and grouping them; raising questions and carrying out tests to find | bar magnet |
| observe how magnets attract or repel each | out how far things move on different surfaces and gathering and | ring magnet |
| other and attract some materials and not | recording data to find answers their questions; exploring the strengths of | button magnet |
| others | different magnets and finding a fair way to compare them; sorting | horseshoe magnet |
| | materials into those that are magnetic and those that are not; looking for | contact |

| 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 | patterns in the way that magnets behave in relation to each other and what might affect this, for example, the strength of the magnet or which pole faces another; identifying how these properties make magnets useful in everyday items and suggesting creative uses for different magnets. | poles/polarity |
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| Describe magnets as having two poles | | |
| Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. | | |
| Big Ideas: Only metals containing iron are ma | gnetic. Magnetism is a type of force | |

| Upper Key Stage 2 - Energy | | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | | |
| Children understand how energy is stored | Children should explore energy use and transfer | Efficient | | |
| | | Power | | |
| Children understand how energy is | Children should explore how energy is used to power human's lives and | Kinetic | | |
| transferred | how efficiency is achieved | Energy | | |
| | | Potential | | |
| Children understand how energy is used | Children should have opportunity to conduct experiments into time, | Gravitational | | |
| efficiently | speed and distance. | Chemical | | |
| | | Elastic | | |
| Children understand how energy is used to | | Heat | | |
| power devices | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Children understand how time, speed and | | | | |
| distance relate | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Children understand kinetic energy | | | | |

| | Upper Key Stage 2 - Cells | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary |
| Understand the difference in living and non- living things | Explore organ systems in the body and how they impact upon our health | circulatory system heart |
| | Explore the role of cells in animals and plants | blood vessels |
| Understand the main organ systems in the body. | | artery vein |
| Understand the role of cells in the body | | oxygenated deoxygenated blood cells |
| Understand the difference in animal and plant cells | | white blood cells Red blood cells plasma |
| Understand the role of specialised cells | | platelets diet |
| | | exercise drugs |
| | | medicines lifestyle |
| | | health(y) |
| are interlinked. Diet, exercise, anxiety can af | l when they can be harmful. Linked to PHSE and healthy lifestyles. All the sy fect you heart rate. Blood transports oxygen, nutrients, anti-bodies. Blood i | • |
| The heart is a muscle. | | |

| Upper Key Stage 2 – Humans and Animals over time | | | | |
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| Knowledge | Know How | Key Vocabulary | | |
| Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago | Children should find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time. They should be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring, for instance by considering different breeds of dogs, and what happens when, for example, Labradors are crossed with poodles. | fossils offspring characteristics breed of animal evolution inheritance adapt(ion) environment | | |

| Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. Understand different organisms have lived over time | They should also appreciate that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments, for example, by exploring how giraffes' necks got longer, or the development of insulating fur on the arctic fox. Children might find out about the work of palaeontologists such as Mary Anning and about how Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace developed their ideas on evolution. Note: At this stage, children are not expected to understand how genes and chromosomes work. | palaeontologist Mary Anning Charles Darwin Alfred Wallace Mutation | |
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| Understand the impact humans have had on animal kingdoms | Children might work scientifically by: observing and raising questions about local animals and how they are adapted to their environment; comparing how some living things are adapted to survive in extreme conditions, for example, cactuses, penguins and camels. They might analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two feet rather than four, having a long or a short beak, having gills or lungs, tendrils on climbing plants, brightly coloured and scented flowers. | | |
| Big Ideas: Evolution is driven by need to need to survive in your environment. There is competition for finite resources. You inherit characteristics from your parents and this is supplemented by your environmental and cultural experiences. | | | |

Science progression

| | EYFS | KS1 | Lower KS2 | Upper KS2 |
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| Seasons and weather | Children know the features of familiar places, home, school, their local area, for example weather, seasons, human and natural resources. Children know that things change over time including life cycles of plants and animals | observe changes across the four seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies | | |
| Materials | Children know the properties of familiar objects Children know the properties of familiar materials | distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching Rocks | 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 know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution use 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 explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, | 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 (°C) identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature |

| | | | and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda | |
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| Sound | Children know simple reasons why things occur | • identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating | Understand how different sounds are produced | |
| | | recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear | Understand pitch, frequency and amplitude. | |
| | | • find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it | Understand how we use sound | |
| | | find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it recognise that sounds get fainter | Understand devices that use sound | |
| | | as the distance from the sound source increases | | |
| Plants | Children know the features of animals and plants in their locality and other regions studied including appearance, diet and habitat Children know that things change over time including life cycles of plants and animals | identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy | identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant 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 seed dispersal | |
| Animals | Children know the features of animals and plants in their locality | • explore and compare the difference between things that are | • construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey | describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird |

| | and other regions studied including appearance, diet and habitat Children know that things change over time including life cycles of plants and animals | 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 the basic needs of 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 micro-habitats 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 | 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 | describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals 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 |
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| Humans | Children know the features of animals and plants in their locality and other regions studied including appearance, diet and habitat Children know that things change over time including life cycles of plants and animals | notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene | 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 | recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution |
| Light | | recognise that they need light in order to see things and that the 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 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 | |

| | • recognise that shadows are | e use the idea that light travels in | |
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| | - | • use the idea that light travels in | |
| | formed when the light from a light | straight lines to explain why | |
| | source is blocked by a solid object | shadows have the same shape as | |
| | • find patterns in the way that the | the objects that cast them | |
| | size of shadows changes | | |
| Space | describe the movement of the | | |
| | Earth, and other planets, relative to | | |
| | the Sun | | |
| | 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 | | |
| Energy | | | Children understand how energy is |
| | | | stored |
| | | | |
| | | | Children understand how energy is |
| | | | transferred |
| | | | Children understand how energy is used |
| | | | efficiently |
| | | | enciently |
| | | | Children understand how energy is used |
| | | | to power devices |
| | | | |
| | | | Children understand how time, speed |
| | | | and distance relate |
| | | | |
| | | | Children understand kinetic energy |
| Magnetism | | | Compare how things move on different |
| | | | surfaces |
| | | | Notice that some forces need contact |
| | | | between two objects, but magnetic |
| | | | forces can act at a distance |
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| | | observe how magnets attract or repel |
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| | | each other and attract some materials and not others |
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| | | 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 |
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| | | Describe magnets as having two poles |
| | | Predict whether two magnets will |
| | | attract or repel each other, depending |
| | | on which poles are facing. |
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| Sustainability | | Children understand what everyday materials are made of |
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| | | Children understand the life cycle of |
| | | materials and why recycling is important |
| | | Children understand what happens to |
| | | materials (fuels) when they are burnt |
| | | Children understand the sense t of |
| | | Children understand the concept of global warming and climate change |
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