

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
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			
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			
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	
Big Ideas: Everything is made out of somethin	ng and there is a variety of different materials		

Key Stage 1 - Sound			
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			
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
	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			
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
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			
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			
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
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			
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	

Key Stage 1 - Space		
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		
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		
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
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		
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		
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		
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		
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.	
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		
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		
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			
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	
	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				
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		
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				
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
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
	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			
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
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

Upper Key Stage 2 – Diet and lifestyle			
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)		
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				
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
	sieving melting

Upper Key Stage 2 - Sustainability		
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
	bicarbonate of soda
	chemical reaction
	rusting
	evaporation
	filtering
	sieving
	melting
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
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		
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
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		
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
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

Upper Key Stage 2 – Electrical circuits		
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.	
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		
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
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				
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	
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				
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	
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
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	
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
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	
	-	• 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

		observe how magnets attract or repel
		each other and attract some materials and not others
		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
		Describe magnets as having two poles
		Predict whether two magnets will
		attract or repel each other, depending
		on which poles are facing.
Sustainability		Children understand what everyday materials are made of
		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
		Brown that ming and climate change