

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

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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 make observations 	because habitat environment plants animals diet descriptive language relating to objects and materials descriptive language relating to places

EYFS

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	
Big Ideas: If it is asking you to describe then you need the vocabulary to describe it. Eg if it is windy then you need to understand what wind			
was.			

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

Key Stage 1 - Sound			
Knowledge	Know How	Key Vocabulary	
	Children should explore and identify the way sound is made through	sound	
Identify how sounds are made, associating	vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the	vibration	
some of them with something vibrating	world; and find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed	medium	
	in a variety of ways.	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	volume	
	are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or	faint(er)	
Find patterns between the pitch of a sound	elastic bands of different thicknesses. They might make earmuffs from a	source of the	
and features of the object that produced it	variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best	sound	
	insulation against sound. They could make and play their own	thickness	
Find patterns between the volume of a	instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume.	insulation	
sound and the strength of the vibrations			
that produced it			
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	or specific jobs (glass or cling film for a window?) A combination of factors a	re needed to
choose the most appropriate.		

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Know How	Key Vocabulary
Children should use the local environment throughout the year to	plant
explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat.	deciduous
Where possible, they should observe the growth of flowers and	evergreen
vegetables that they have planted.	leaves
	flowers (blossom)
They should become familiar with common names of flowers,	petals
examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and plant structures.	fruit
	roots
Children should be introduced to the requirements of plants for	bulb
germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of	seed
reproduction and growth in plants.	trunk
	bud
Children might work scientifically by: observing closely, perhaps	branches
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
	Know How Children should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat. Where possible, they should observe the growth of flowers and vegetables that they have planted. They should become familiar with common names of flowers, examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and plant structures. Children should be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants. Children might work scientifically by: observing closely, perhaps using magnifying glasses, and comparing and contrasting familiar plants; describing how they were able to identify and group them, and drawing diagrams showing the parts of different plants including trees.

Key Stage 1 – Animal Kingdom			
Knowledge	Know How	Key Vocabulary	
Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive	Children should be introduced to the idea that all living things have certain characteristics that are essential for keeping them alive and healthy. They should raise and answer questions that help them to become familiar with the life processes that are common to all living things.	characteristics living non-living dead	
Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they	Children should be introduced to the terms 'habitat' (a natural environment or home of a variety of plants and animals) and 'micro-habitat' (a very small habitat, for example for woodlice under stones, logs or leaf litter). They should raise and answer questions about the local environment that help them to identify and study a variety of plants and animals within their habitat and observe how living things depend on each other, for example, plants serving as a source of food and shelter for animals	habitat micro-habitat food chain source environment food shelter	
depend on each other Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats Children know what an invertebrate and vertebrate are. Children know the differences between mammals and birds.	animals. Children should compare animals in familiar habitats with animals found in less familiar habitats, for example, on the seashore, in woodland, in the ocean, in the rainforest. Children might work scientifically by: sorting and classifying things according to whether they are living, dead or were never alive, and recording their findings using charts. They should 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. They could construct a simple food chain that includes humans (e.g. grass, cow, human). They 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	seashore sea ocean woodland forest rainforest invertebrate vertebrate	
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. Big Ideas: Things are either livin have creatures, which are adapt	and animals that live there. g, dead or have never been alive. What makes something living? (Trees breathe) Differented to live there. Animals obtain their food from plants and other animals. Plants get their	t habitats, which energy from the	
sun.		0,	

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 source which can be natural or man-made. Darkness is the absence of light. Light travels in a straight line.			

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 evercise enting the right amounts	Growing into adults can include reference to baby toddler, child	life-cycle
of different types of food and	to a serve a dult	
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.	
Big Ideas: Sun is the centre of the solar system. The moon is a satellite which orbits the Earth and the phases of the moon are as a result of		
this. A day is one full rotat	ion on its axis. A year is a full orbit of a star. Children need to be aware of distances and how fa	r apart they are.

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 living, dead or have never been alive. What makes something living? (Trees breathe) Different 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 – 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	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	the water cycle melting
temperature.	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.	
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	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.	sound vibration medium ear
Understand how different sounds are produced	Explore how sounds are made and their uses.	pitch volume faint(er)
Understand pitch, frequency and amplitude.	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	source of the sound thickness
Understand how we use sound	variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound. They could make and play their own	insulation
Understand devices that use sound	instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume.	
Big Ideas: There is a source for every sound. 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. Note: At this stage, children are not expected to understand how genes and chromosomes work	adapt(ion) environment palaeontologist Mary Anning Charles Darwin Alfred Wallace 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	own food, but at this stage they do not need to understand how this	flowering plants	
from plant to plant	happens.	grow(th)	
		air	
Investigate the way in which water is	Children might work scientifically by: comparing the effect of different	light	
transported 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	
pollination, 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	
Big Ideas: All the different parts of the plant h	nave a particular function. The balance of factors is important to keep the pl	ant healthy.	

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 prism
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).	rainbow
Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.		
Big Ideas: Light can be refracted. Light can be split. We can only see certain wavelengths. The angle, brightness and the distance of the light source will determine the shape and size of the shadow. Angle of incidence is the same as the angle of reflection.		

Lower Key Stage 2 - Phases of matter			
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 including what	particles	
when they are heated or cooled, and	happens to the particles.	evaporation	
measure or research the temperature at		solidification	
which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)		condensation	

including what happens to the particles in a	Note: Teachers should avoid using materials where heating is associated	the water cycle
material	with chemical change for example through baking or hurning	melting
	with chemical change, for example, through baking or burning.	menting
Understand how we measure boiling and	Children might work scientifically by: grouping and classifying a variety of	
molting points	different materials: exploring the effect of temperature on substances	
	unerent materials, exploring the effect of temperature on substances	
	such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as	
Know some materials don't fit into solids.	chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research	
liquide and gassas entagories	the temperature at which materials change state for even allowing	
ilquius and gasses categories	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	
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	example, a puddle in the playground or washing on a line, and	
	investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen	
	investigute the check of temperature on washing a ying of showmen	
	meiting.	
Big Ideas: Materials can change state. Materials can exist in all three states. The relative density of a material determines its state.		

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	

r r	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.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Raw and synthetic materials				
Knowledge		Know How	Key Vocabulary	
Children understand the differences in raw and synthetic materials.	Chi exp	dren should build a more systematic understanding of materials by loring and comparing the properties of a broad range of materials.	properties of materials hardness, solubility,	
Children understand the link between raw and synthetic materials and how materials are made.	The Spe inve	ey should find out about how chemists create new materials, for example, encer Silver, who invented the glue for sticky notes or Ruth Benerito, who ented wrinkle-free cotton.	transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal)	
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 recycling materials	Chil rec Chil exa jac cur The who and coo stic	Idren should explore how materials are made and the importance of ycling materials on the environment. Idren might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for mple, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm ket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout tains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. ey could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, en burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research I discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, whing, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super- ky and super-thin materials.	thermal) dissolve solution mixture separation solids, liquids and gases filtering, sieving and 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 betwo irreversible.	een a	a mixture and a solution and how to separate them. Changes can be eith	ner reversible or	

Lower Key Stage 2 - Anatomy			
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	the digestive and respiratory system and explore questions that help	mouth, tongue,	
parts of the digestive system in humans	them to understand their special functions.	teeth,	
		oesophagus,	
Identify the different types of teeth in	Children might work scientifically by: comparing the teeth of carnivores	stomach and small	
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	
Big Ideas: Different types of teeth have diffe have specific functions.	rent functions. Every food chain starts with a producer. Individual parts of the	ne digestive system	

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	They should explore reversible changes, including, evaporating, filtering, sieving, melting and dissolving, recognising that melting and dissolving are different 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 hicarbonate 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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Big Ideas: Need to know the difference betwee	een a mixture and a solution and how to separate them. Changes can be eitl	ner reversible or
irreversible.		

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	explore and answer questions that help them to understand how the	vein
water are transported within animals,	circulatory system enables the body to function.	oxygenated
including humans.	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.	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 are interlinked. Diet, exercise, anxiety can aff The heart is a muscle.	when they can be harmful. Linked to PHSE and healthy lifestyles. All the systext you heart rate. Blood transports oxygen, nutrients, anti-bodies. Blood is	tems in the body made in the bones.

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

cur	rtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit.	changes of state
The	ey could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example,	reversible
wh	nen burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research	irreversible
anc	d discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example,	acid
coc	oking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super-	burning
stic	cky and super-thin materials.	bicarbonate of soda
		chemical reaction
		rusting
		evaporation
		filtering
		sieving
		melting
Big Ideas: Need to know the difference between a	a mixture and a solution and how to separate them. Changes can be eith	ner reversible or
irreversible.		

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.		

Upper Key Stage 2 – Physical and Chemical changes		
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 understand physical and chemical changes and the differences between them	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	liquid gas properties particles
Children understand chemical reactions	the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when iron melts or when oxygen condenses into a liquid.	evaporation solidification condensation
	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 can exist in all three states. The relative density of a material determines its state.		

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.	
Big Ideas: Different classifications of animals	have different life cycles and different methods of reproduction. Babies may	/ look different to
their adults		

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

Upper Key Stage 2 – Electrical circuits		
Knowledge	Know How	Key Vocabulary
Identify common appliances that run on electricity Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and	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 represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols.	brightness volume cell battery series circuit parallel circuit
buzzers Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with	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 draw the circuit as a pictorial representation.	component symbol switches buzzers lamps
a battery Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit	Note: The Curriculum states that children are expected to learn only 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 magnetic. 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		artery	
body.		vein	
		oxygenated	
Understand the role of cells in the body		deoxygenated	
		blood cells	
Understand the difference in animal and		white blood cells	
plant cells		Red blood cells	
		plasma	
Understand the role of specialised cells		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 af	fect you heart rate. Blood transports oxygen, nutrients, anti-bodies. Blood i	s made in the bones.	
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	 identify how sounds are made, 	Understand how different	
	things occur	associating some of them with	sounds are produced	
		something vibrating		
		 recognise that vibrations from 	Understand pitch, frequency and	
		sounds travel through a medium to	amplitude.	
		the ear		
		• find patterns between the pitch of	Understand how we use sound	
		a sound and features of the object	Onderstand now we use sound	
		that produced it		
		• find patterns between the volume	Understand devices that use	
		of a sound and the strength of the	sound	
		vibrations that produced it		
		 recognise that sounds get fainter 		
		as the distance from the sound		
		source increases		
Plants		 identify and name a variety of 	• identify and describe the functions	
	Children know the features of	common wild and garden plants,	of different parts of flowering	
	animals and plants in their locality	including deciduous and evergreen	plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves	
	and other regions studied including	trees	and flowers	
	appearance, diet and habitat	 identify and describe the basic 	• explore the requirements of plants	
		structure of a variety of common	for life and growth (air, light, water,	
	Children know that things change	flowering plants, including trees	nutrients from soil, and room to	
	over time including life cycles of	 observe and describe how seeds 	grow) and how they vary from plant	
	plants and animals	and bulbs grow into mature plants	to plant	
		 find out and describe how plants 	• investigate the way in which water	
		need water, light and a suitable	is transported within plants	
		temperature to grow and stay	 explore the part that flowers play 	
		healthy	in the life cycle of flowering plants,	
			including pollination, seed	
			formation and seed dispersal	
Animals		 explore and compare the 	 construct and interpret a variety 	 describe the differences in the life
	Children know the features of	difference between things that are	of food chains, identifying	cycles of a mammal, an amphibian,
	animals and plants in their locality		producers, predators and prey	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 	• 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 natterns in the way that the	the objects that cast them	
	size of shadows changes	the objects that east them	
Snace	• describe the movement of the		
Space	Earth and other planets relative to		
	the Sup		
	• describe the movement of the		
	• describe the movement of the		
	Noon relative to the Earth		
	describe the Sun, Earth and Woon		
	as approximately spherical bodies		
	• use the idea of the Earth's rotation		
	to explain day and hight 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 officiently
			is used efficiently
			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
		ropol oach other and attract
		repereaction of the and act athere
		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
		noles
		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 hannens
		to materials (fuels) when they are
		burnt
		Children understand the concept of
		global warming and climate change