

Working Scientifically			
Type of Enquiry	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them	
Comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations)	Performing simple tests	Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary
Observing over time	Observing closely, using simple equipment	Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate
Pattern seeking; Identifying, classifying and grouping	Identifying and classifying	Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes	
Researching using secondary sources		Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.	Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.
Collecting, analysing and presenting data	Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.	Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions	
		Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables	Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs
	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions	Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests
		Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions	Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

Plants/ Seasonal Change

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees	Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	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			describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.
Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees		identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers			
Observe changes across the 4 seasons Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants	Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.		Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. <i>They might try to grow new plants from different parts of the parent plant, for example, seeds, stem and root cuttings, tubers, bulbs.</i>	recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
<i>In EYFS ch may plant beans, amaryllis, daffodils</i> Vegetables: potatoes Flowers: sunflowers, nasturtiums Plant a tree (apple tree)? Using apples in a recipe	Fruit: tomatoes Radishes/ beetroot Flowers: daffodils, snow drops (plants from bulbs)	Vegetables: Carrots/ spring onions/ squashes Flowers: sweet pea? Strawberries	Salad: onions, radishes Strawberries	Stem/ leaf cuttings- Mint, lavender, rosemary, basil Root cuttings- garlic, carrot tops Rhubarb, raspberries Leaks	

Animals including humans/ Living things and their habitats

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals</p> <p>describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets)</p>	<p>identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats</p>		<p>recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways</p> <p>explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment</p>	<p>describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird</p>	<p>describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals</p> <p>give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics</p> <p>identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution</p>
<p>identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores</p>	<p>describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food</p>		<p>construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey</p>		
<p>identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense</p>		<p>identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement</p>			<p>identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood</p> <p>recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago</p>
<p>They should understand how to take care of animals taken from their local environment and the need to return them safely after study.</p>	<p>notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults</p>		<p>Pupils could work scientifically by researching the gestation periods of other animals and comparing them with humans; by finding out and recording the length and mass of a baby as it grows.</p>	<p>describe the changes as humans develop to old age</p>	<p>recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents</p>

				describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals	
	explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive				
	find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) 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 depend on each other		recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things		describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
	describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene	identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat	describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans		recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
			identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions		
Habitat study: seashore, woodlands, Antarctica, Africa (Deserts)					
In EYFS ch may visit a farm and see lambs and sheep. Caterpillar, pupa, butterfly		Frog spawn and tadpoles		Egg, chick, chicken	

Materials (inc. Rocks)/ Forces and magnets/ States of Matter/ Electricity

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made</p> <p>Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock</p>					
<p>Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials</p> <p>Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties</p>	<p>Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses</p> <p>Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching</p>	<p>Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties</p> <p>Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock</p> <p>Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter</p> <p>Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials</p>	<p>Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases</p> <p>Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)</p> <p>Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature</p> <p>Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors</p>	<p>Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets</p> <p>Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution</p> <p>Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating</p> <p>Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic</p> <p>Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes</p> <p>Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda</p>	
		<p>Compare how things move on different surfaces</p>		<p>Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object</p>	

		<p>Notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance</p> <p>Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others</p> <p>Describe magnets as having 2 poles</p> <p>Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing</p>		<p>Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces</p> <p>Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect</p>	
			<p>identify common appliances that run on electricity</p> <p>construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers</p> <p>identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery</p> <p>recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit</p>		<p>associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit</p> <p>compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches</p> <p>use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram</p>

Light and Sound

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		<p>Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light</p> <p>Notice that light is reflected from surfaces</p> <p>Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes</p> <p>Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object</p> <p>Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change</p>			<p>Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them</p>
			<p>Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating</p> <p>Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear</p> <p>Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it</p> <p>Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it</p> <p>Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases</p>		

Earth and Space					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				<p>describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system</p> <p>describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth</p> <p>describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies</p> <p>use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky</p>	