

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 pupils 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, pupils 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.

The national curriculum for science aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics
- develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them
- are equipped with the scientific knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future.

Within the disciplines of science we have identified the 'big ideas' (or threshold concepts) which are schemata which give the learning coherence. These big ideas are:

Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Plant Life Animals and Humans Living things and their environments Evolution and Inheritance	Substances and their properties	Movement, forces and magnets Light and seeing Sound and hearing Electricity Earth in space

We teach pupils to know about the unique processes of enquiry in science. Our' Big Ideas' for Working Scientifically (disciplinary content) are :

Observing over Time
Observing, Classifying and Grouping
Comparative and Fair Testing
Pattern Seeking
Research Using Secondary Sources

TERM	1	2	3	4	5	6
Topic title and NC	The Powe	r of Forces	Animals and humans and all	Rock Detectives	How does your garden	Physics - Light
link	(Moveme	nt, Forces and	living things (Animals and	(Substances and	grow? ( Plant Life)	(Light and Seeing)
Threshold Concepts	Magnets )		Humans, Living things and	properties )	Identify and describe the	Recognise that they need
			their environments)		functions of different parts	light in order to see things,
	Compare	e how things		Compare and group	of flowering plants: roots,	and that dark is the absence
	move on d	lifferent surfaces.	<ul> <li>Identify that animals,</li> </ul>	together different	stem/trunk, leaves and	of light. • Notice that light is
NC Ref	Notice the second	nat some forces	including humans, need the	kinds of rocks on the	flowers.	reflected from surfaces. •
	objects, bu can act at Observe h attract or n and attract and not ot and group of everyda basis of wl attracted t identify so materials. magnets a poles. • Pr	act between two ut magnetic forces a distance. • ow magnets repel each other t some materials thers. • Compare together a variety ny materials on the hether they are to a magnet, and ome magnetic • Describe s having two redict whether ets will attract or	right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food – they get nutrition from what they eat. • Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. • Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. • Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter	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	Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. • Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. • Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change

## Year 3

	repel each other, depending				
	on which poles are facing.				
Prior knowledge	The shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. (y2)	Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. • Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets). • 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. (Y2)	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses ( y2)	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 ( y2)	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials, transparent and opaque .
Sticky knowledge	A force is a <b>push or a pull.</b> When an object moves on a surface, the texture of the surface and the object affect how it moves. Forces act in <b>opposite directions</b> to each other. When an object moves across a surface, <b>friction</b> acts as an <b>opposite</b> <b>force</b> . A magnet attracts magnetic material. Iron and nickel and other materials	Animals, unlike plants which can make their own food, need to eat in order to get the <b>nutrients</b> they need. Food contains a range of different nutrients – <b>carbohydrates (including</b> <b>sugars), protein, vitamins,</b> <b>minerals, fats, sugars, water –</b> <b>and fibre</b> that are needed by the body to stay healthy. A piece of food will often provide a range of nutrients. Humans, and	There are three types of rocks that are formed naturally. <b>Igneous:</b> <b>Sedimentary and</b> <b>Metamorphic</b> : Some rocks can absorb water .Some rocks contain fossils. <b>Fossils</b> were formed millions of years ago. When plants and animals	Many plants, but not all, have <b>roots, stems/trunks,</b> leaves and <b>flowers/blossom.</b> The roots absorb water and <b>nutrients</b> from the soil and <b>anchor</b> the plant in place. The stem transports water and <b>nutrients/minerals</b> around the plant and holds the leaves and flowers up	We see objects because our eyes can sense <b>light. Dark</b> is the <b>absence of light</b> . We cannot see anything in complete darkness. Some objects are sources of light. Objects are easier to see if there is more light. Some surfaces <b>reflect</b> light. Objects are easier to see when there is less light if they are

	containing these, e.g. stainless steel, are <b>magnetic.</b> The strongest parts of a magnet are the <b>poles.</b> Magnets have two poles – a <b>north pole and a</b> <b>south pole</b> . If two like poles, e.g. two north poles, are brought together they will push away from each other – <b>repel.</b> If two unlike poles, e.g. a north and south, are brought together they will pull together – <b>attract.</b> The distance around a magnet which attracts magnetic materials is called its <b>magnetic field.</b>	some other animals, have skeletons and muscles which help them move and provide protection and support. There are 5 types of vertebrate ( animals with backbone: mammals ,fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds)	died, they fell to the seabed. They became covered and squashed by other material. <b>Soils</b> are made up of pieces of ground down rock which may be mixed with plant and animal material (organic matter).	in the air to enhance <b>photosynthesis,</b> <b>pollination and seed</b> <b>dispersal.</b> The leaves use sunlight and water to produce the plant's food. Some plants produce flowers which enable the plant to <b>reproduce.</b> Pollen is transferred to the <b>female</b> part of other flowers <b>(pollination).</b> This forms seeds, sometimes contained in <b>berries or</b> <b>fruits</b> which are then	reflective. The light from the sun can damage our eyes and therefore we should not look directly at the sun. Shadows are formed on a surface when an opaque or translucent object is between a light source and the surface and blocks some of the light. The size of the shadow depends on the position of the source, object and surface. Define: transparent, translucent and opaque
Working	Identify, classify and group	Identify classify and group	Identify Classify and	dispersed in different ways. Identify Classify and group	Identify Classify and group
scientifically	Identify magnetic and non-	Compare, contrast and classify skeletons of different animals.	group	Identify common features	Classify materials according
	magnetic materials	Classify food according to food	Classify rocks according to simple	of flowers, name and label	to how reflective they are
	Pattern Seeking	group and nutrients.	physical properties , create a key	Identify pollen in flowers	<b>Pattern Seeking</b> Explore how shadows vary as
	Explore the way that magnets behave in relation to each other.	Identify the impact of a lack of nutrients on human health	Identify types of fossils	observe pollination by insects in flowers in school grounds	the distance between a light source and an object or surface is changed.
		Identify which bones are used	Observing change over time		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Comparative and fair testing	for support, protection and movement. Identify how	over time	Observing change over time	Explore shadows in the playground at different times

		muscles expand and contract for	Observe and describe	Observe the effect of	of day- explain why they are
	Carry out investigations to	movement.	the effects of	putting cut white	different
	explore how objects move		weathering on	carnations or celery in	
	on different surfaces e.g.,		different rocks	coloured water.	Comparative and fair testing
	rolling balls/cars.				
			Comparative and fair	Comparative and fair	Investigate best materials to
	Devise an investigation to		testing	testing	make shadow puppets
	test the size of a magnetic				
	field.		Devise a test to find	Investigate how removal of	Secondary sources:
			out if all rocks are	leaves/ light/ soil/ roots	
			waterproof	affects a growing plant.	Research how sunglasses
				Devise a fair test.	filter UV light from the sun
			Investigate and test		
			different kinds of soils	Secondary sources:	
			to see how quickly	Research different types of	
			water drains through	seed dispersal	
End of unit task	Investigate movement,	Animals and humans:	Investigate fossils.	Investigate important	Understand light and seeing
	forces and magnets	Identify and describe the main		changes in our	
		nutritional benefits of	Explain how a given	environment	Explain investigation findings
	Is a bigger magnet stronger?	carbohydrates, fibres, fats,	fossil was formed		about how and why the size
	Investigate and conclude.	proteins	-storyboard and	Research why bees are	of shadows changes.
		Explain the impact of diet on	explain the journey	important and what we	
		human health and some of the		need to do to save them.	
		effects of a poor diet and		Write an explanation of	
		malnutrition		pollination and its	
				importance.	

Year 4

TERM	1	2	3	4	5	6
Science focus and threshold concepts	Physics – Electricity	Physics – Sound ( sound and hearing )	Chemistry – States of Matter (Substances and properties)		Biology – Living things and their habitats (Evolution and Inheritance, Organisms and their environments)	Biology – Animals, including humans (Evolution and inheritance, Organisms and their environments )
NC Ref	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 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 a battery. Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.	Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produces it. Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sounds source increases.	Compare and grou together, accordin they are solids, liq Observe that some change state when heated or cooled, or research the ter which this happen Celsius. Identify the part p evaporation and co in the water cycle the rate of evapora temperature.	g to whether uids or gases. e materials n they are and measure mperature at is in degrees layed by ondensation and associate	Recognise that living things can be groups 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 simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Prior learning	Not covered before	Identify, name, draw and	Distinguish between an object	Describe and compare the	Describe the importance
		label the basic parts of	and the material from which it is	structure of a variety of	for humans of exercise,
		the human body and say	made. Identify and name a	common animals (Y1 –	eating the right amounts of
		which part of the body is	variety of everyday materials,	Animals, including humans)	different types of food, and
		associated with each	including wood, plastic, glass,	<ul> <li>Identify and name a</li> </ul>	hygiene. (Y2 - Animals,
		sense. (Y1 - Animals,	metal, water, and rock .Describe	variety of plants and	including humans) Identify
		including humans)	the simple physical properties of	animals in their habitats,	that animals, including
			a variety of everyday materials.	including microhabitats.	humans, need the right
			Compare and group together a	(Y2 - Living things and their	types and amount of
			variety of everyday materials on	habitats)	nutrition, and that they
			the basis of their simple physical		cannot make their own
			properties. (Y1 - Everyday		food; they get nutrition
			materials) • Identify and		from what they eat. (Y3 -
			compare the suitability of a		Animals, including humans)
			variety of everyday materials,		
			including wood, metal, plastic,		
			glass, brick, rock, paper and		
			cardboard for particular uses.		
			(Y2 - Uses of everyday materials)		
			• Find out how the shapes of		
			solid objects made from some		
			materials can be changed by		
			squashing, bending, twisting		
			and stretching. (Y2 - Uses of		
			everyday materials)		
	An <b>electrical circuit</b> consists of	A <b>sound</b> produces	A <b>solid</b> keeps its shape and has a	Living things can be	Food enters the body
	a cell or battery connected to	vibrations which travel	fixed volume. A liquid has a	grouped (classified) in	through the mouth.
	a <b>component</b> using wires. If	through a medium from	fixed volume but changes in	different ways according to	Digestion starts when the
	there is a break in the circuit, a	the source to our ears.	shape to fit the container. A	their features.	teeth start to break the

loose <b>connection</b> or a <b>short</b>	Sound cannot travel	liquid can be poured and keeps	Classification keys can be	food down. Saliva is added
circuit, the component will not	through a <b>vacuum.</b> The	a level, horizontal surface. A gas	used to identify and name	and the tongue rolls the
work. A <b>switch</b> can be added	vibrations cause parts of	fills all available space; it has no	living things. Living things	food into a ball. The food is
to the circuit to turn the	our body inside our ears	fixed shape or volume. Granular	live in a <b>habitat</b> which	swallowed and passes
component on and off. Metals	to vibrate, allowing us to	and <b>powdery</b> solids like sand	provides an environment to	down the <b>oesophagus</b> to
are good <b>conductors</b> so they	hear (sense) the sound.	can be confused with liquids	which they are suited (Year	the stomach. Here the food
can be used as wires in a	The <b>loudness</b> (volume) of	because they can be <b>poured</b> ,	2 learning). These	is broken down and other
circuit. Non-metallic solids are	the sound depends on	but when poured they form a	environments may change	chemicals are added. The
insulators except for graphite	the strength (size) of	heap and they do not keep a	naturally e.g. through	food passes into the <b>small</b>
(pencil lead).	vibrations which	level surface when tipped.	flooding, fire, earthquakes	intestine. Here nutrients
	decreases as they travel	Melting and freezing are	etc. Humans also cause the	are removed from the food
	through the medium. A	changes of state. The freezing	environment to change.	and leave the <b>digestive</b>
	sound <b>insulator</b> is a	point of water is 0oC. Boiling is	This can be in a good way	system to be used
	material which blocks	a change of state from liquid to	(i.e. positive human	elsewhere in the body. The
	sound effectively. Pitch is	gas. Water boils when it is	impact, such as setting up	rest of the food then passes
	the highness or lowness	heated to 100oC. Evaporation is	nature reserves) or in a bad	into the large intestine.
	of a sound and is affected	the same state change as boiling	way (i.e. negative human	Here the water is removed
	by features of objects	(liquid to gas), but it happens	impact, such as littering).	for use elsewhere in the
	producing the sounds. For	slowly at lower temperatures	These environments also	body. What is left is then
	example, smaller objects	and only at the surface of the	change with the <b>seasons;</b>	stored in the <b>rectum</b> until it
	usually produce higher	liquid. Evaporation happens	different living things can	leaves the body through
	pitched sounds.	more quickly if the temperature	be found in a habitat at	the <b>anus.</b> Humans have
		is higher, the liquid is spread out	different times of the	four types of teeth: incisors
		or it is windy. Condensation is	year.There are 5 types of	for cutting; canines for
		the change back from a gas to a	vertebrate	tearing; and molars and
		liquid caused by cooling. Pupils	( animals with backbone:	premolars for grinding
		need to explain the water cycle	mammals ,fish, reptiles,	(chewing) Living things can
		with reference to changes of	amphibians, birds)	be classified as producers,
		state.		predators and prey

					according to their place in
					the food chain.
Working	Identify Classify and group	Identify Classify and	Identify Classify and group	Identify Classify and group	Identify Classify and group
scientifically	Classify materials as	group		Use fieldwork to investigate	
	conductors and insulators	Classify materials	Group materials as solid, liquid	types of human impact in	Classify types of teeth and
		according to sound	or gas.	the local area	their functions
	Pattern Seeking	insulation			
	Investigate how different		Observing over time	Use classification keys to	Classify animals as
	types of switches operate	Pattern Seeking	Observe how states of matter	identify unknown living	predators and prey, create
			change over time, observe ice	things	food chains and webs
	Comparative and fair testing	Find patterns between	melting and evaporation.		
	Compare different materials to	volume and strength of		Observing over time	Identify the organs and
	replace wires in a circuit.	vibration causing it	Observe the boiling of water,	Observe local wildlife	processes in the human
			what happens at boiling point	habitats	digestive system
		Find patterns between	and change of state.		
		pitch of a sound and		Secondary sources	Pattern Seeking
		features of the	Pattern Seeking		Explore eating different
		instrument producing it.		Find out about how	types of food to identify
			Describe the water cycle.	environments may	which teeth are being used
		Comparative and fair		naturally change.	for cutting, tearing and
		testing	Identify examples condensation		grinding (chewing).
		Investigate how size of	and where they come from	Find out about human	
		sound changes as	Comparative and fair testing	impact, both positive and	Identify patterns of energy
		distance from source		negative, on environments.	in food chains
		increases	Investigate the best places to		
			dry washing		
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End of unit task	WALT investigate electrical	WALT investigate sound	WALT investigate states of	WALT classify living things	WALT explain food chains
	circuits	and hearing	matter		
	Make, draw and describe the	Suggest a way to prove	Summarise, using scientific	Summarise the key	Demonstrate and explain
	components of an electric quiz	the relationship between	terminology, the relationship	similarities and differences	how food chains begin with
	board.	size of instrument and	between temperature and	of animals in different	sunlight
		pitch.	states of matter. Explain the	groups.	
		True or false? Smaller	water cycle using the		Explain how water is
		instruments create higher	appropriate terminology	Adapt a classification key to	essential in a food chain
		pitched sounds		include different criteria.	

# Year 5

TERM	1	2	3	4	5	6
Topic title and	Physics – Forces and magnets	Physics – Earth and	Everyday Mat	erials and	The Circle of Life and	Animals including humans
threshold	( Movement, Forces and	Space	Marvellous m		reproduction of plants and	
concepts	Magnets )	(Earth in Space)	( Substances a	nd properties )	animals	(Evolution and Inheritance,
-					(Plant Life, Evolution and	Organisms and their
					Inheritance, Animals and	environments )
					Humans )	
Essential	Explain that unsupported	Describe the movement	Compare and	group together	Describe the differences in	Describe the changes as
knowledge	objects fall towards the Earth	of the Earth, and other	everyday mate	erials on the basis of	the life cycles of a mammal,	humans develop to old age.
	because of the force of gravity	planets, relative to the	their propertie	es,	an amphibian, an insect and	
	acting between the Earth and	Sun in the solar system	know that son	ne materials will	a bird.	
	the falling object	Describe the movement	dissolve in liqu	iid to form a	Describe the life process of	
	Identify the effects of air	of the Moon relative to	solution, and describe how to		reproduction in some plants	
	resistance, water resistance	the Earth	recover a subs	tance from a	and animals.	
			solution			

	and friation that act between	Describe the Curr Forth			
	and friction, that act between	Describe the Sun, Earth	Use knowledge of solids, liquids		
	moving surfaces	and Moon as	and gases to decide how mixtures		
	Recognise that some	approximately spherical	might be separated, including		
	mechanisms, including levers,	bodies	through filtering, sieving and		
	pulleys and gears, allow a	Use the idea of the	evaporating		
	smaller force to have a greater	Earth's rotation to	Demonstrate that dissolving,		
	effect.	explain day and night	mixing and changes of state are		
		and the apparent	reversible changes		
		movement of the sun			
		across the sky.			
Prior learning	Compare how things move on	Observe changes across	Compare and group materials	Notice that animals,	Notice that animals,
	different surfaces. Notice that	the four seasons. (Y1 -	together, according to whether	including humans, have	including humans, have
	some forces need contact	Seasonal changes) •	they are solids, liquids or gases.	offspring which grow into	offspring which grow into
	between two objects, but	Observe and describe	(Y4 - States of matter) • Observe	adults. (Y2 - Animals,	adults. (Y2 - Animals,
	magnetic forces can act at a	weather associated with	that some materials change state	including humans) • Explore	including humans)
	distance. Observe how	the seasons and how	when they are heated or cooled,	the part that flowers play in	
	magnets attract or repel each	day length varies. (Y1 -	and measure or research the	the life cycle of flowering	
	other and attract some	Seasonal changes)	temperature at which this	plants, including pollination,	
	materials and not others.		happens in degrees Celsius (°C).	seed formation and seed	
	Compare and group together a		(Y4 - States of matter) • Identify	dispersal. (Y3 - Plants)	
	variety of everyday materials		the part played by evaporation		
	on the basis of whether they		and condensation in the water		
	are attracted to a magnet. (Y3		cycle and associate the rate of		
	- Forces and magnets)		evaporation with temperature.		
			(Y4 - States of matter)		
Sticky	A force causes an object to	The Sun is a star. It is at	Substances have different uses	Most animals reproduce	When <b>babies</b> are young, they
Knowledge	start moving, stop moving,	the centre of our <b>solar</b>	depending on their <b>properties</b>	sexually. This involves two	grow rapidly. They are very
	speed up, slow down or	system. There are 8	and <b>state</b> (liquid, solid, gas).	parents where the sperm	dependent on their parents.
	change direction. Gravity is a	planets (can choose to	Properties include hardness,	from the male fertilises the	As they develop, they learn

	force that acts at a distance.	name them, but not	transparency, electrical and	female egg. Animals,	many skills. A <b>t puberty,</b> a
	Everything is pulled to the	essential). These travel	thermal conductivity and	including humans, have	child's body changes and
	Earth by gravity. <b>Air</b>	around the Sun in fixed	attraction to magnets. Some	offspring which grow into	develops primary and
	resistance, water resistance	orbits. Earth takes 365¼	substances will <b>dissolve</b> in a	adults. In humans and some	secondary sexual
	and friction are contact forces	days to complete its	liquid and form a <b>solution</b> while	animals, these offspring will	characteristics. This enables
	that act between moving	<b>orbit</b> around the Sun.	others are <b>insoluble</b> and form	be born alive and then grow	the adult to <b>reproduce.</b> This
	surfaces. A <b>mechanism</b> is a	The Earth <b>rotates</b> (spins)	sediment. Mixtures can be	into adults. In other animals,	needs to be taught alongside
	device that allows a small	on its axis every 24	separated by <b>filtering, sieving</b>	such as chickens or snakes,	PSHE.
	force to be increased to a	hours. As Earth rotates	and evaporation. Some changes	there may be <b>eggs</b> laid that	
	larger force. The payback is	half faces the Sun (day)	to materials such as dissolving,	hatch to young which then	
	that it requires a greater	and half is facing away	mixing and changes of state are	grow to adults. Some young	
	movement. The small force	from the Sun (night). As	reversible, but some changes	undergo a further change	
	moves a long distance and the	the Earth rotates, the	such as burning wood, rusting	before becoming adults e.g.	
	resulting large force moves a	Sun appears to move	and mixing vinegar with	caterpillars to butterflies.	
	small distance, e.g. a crowbar	across the sky. The	bicarbonate of soda result in the	This is called a	
	or bottle top remover. <b>Pulleys</b> ,	Moon <b>orbits</b> the Earth.	formation of new substances and	metamorphosis. Plants	
	levers and gears are all	It takes about 28 days to	these are <b>not reversible</b> .	reproduce both sexually and	
	mechanisms, also known as	complete its orbit. The		asexually. Bulbs, tubers,	
	simple <b>machines</b> .	Sun, Earth and Moon		runners and plantlets are	
	simple <b>machines</b> .	are approximately		examples of asexual plant	
		spherical.		reproduction which involves	
		spireneu.		only one parent. Sexual	
				reproduction occurs through	
				pollination, usually involving	
				wind or insects.	
Working	Identify Classify and group	Pattern Seeking	Identify Classify and Group	Identify Classify and Group	Taught through direct
Scientifically					instruction and in
Scientifically	Identify and classify gears,	Investigate how the	Classify materials according to	Classify vertebrates and	conjunction with PHSE
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	levers and pulleys	planet's temperatures	their properties	identify their life cycles	according to RSE policy.

		change according to			
	Comparative and fair testing	their distance from the	Classify ways of separating	Classify flowers according to	Pattern Seeking
	Investigate the effects of	sun	materials	male and female parts	Look for patterns in the main
	friction, air and water				changes occurring from birth
	resistance on objects and	Explain evidence	Classify which solids dissolve in	Identify the ways plants	to old age
	speed	gathered about the	water	reproduce and the	
		position of shadows in		reproductive parts of flowers	
		term of the movement	Classify reversible and non-	which differ from plant to	
		of the Earth and show	reversible changes	plant .	
		this using a model			
		Secondary Sources	Pattern Seeking	Pattern Seeking	
				Compare the gestation times	
		Research each planet and	Observe and describe reversible	for mammals and look for	
		find out how far away	and non- reversible changes	patterns e.g. in relation to	
		from the sun. Present in		size of animal or length of	
		scaled way	Comparative and fair testing	dependency after birth.	
			Investigate variables which affect		
			how fast sugar dissolves.	Look for patterns between	
				the size of an animal and its	
				expected life span.	
End of unit task	Understand movement,	Describe movement of	Understand how mixtures can be	Describe life process of	Investigate living things
	forces and magnets	the Earth in relation to	separated	reproduction in plants and	
		the sun		animals	Graph changes in average
		Explain and	Investigate how to extract pure		heights of males and females
	How does the height and	demonstrate how a	salt from rock salt. Explain	Explain the similarities and	at different ages.
	surface of a ramp affect how the car travels along it?	sundial, used to tell the	findings	differences between the	Summarise findings.
	the cal travers along it?	time, works.		process of reproduction in	
				plants and animals, including	

		amphibians, insects and	
		birds as well as mammals.	

Year 6

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Topic title	I				Physics – Light	
	Biology - Animals and humans		Biology –		( Light and Seeing )	Physics – Electricity
	Body Pump and Body Health		Evolution and heritance			
	Organisms and their environments, A and Humans	Animals				
NC Ref.	Identify and name the main parts of t	he	A ) Describe how living things a	are classified into	Recognise that light	Associate the brightness of
	human circulatory system, and descril	be the	broad groups according to common observable		appears to travel in	a lamp or the volume of a
	functions of the heart, blood vessels a	and	characteristics and based on similarities and		straight lines. • Use the	buzzer with the number
	blood		differences, including microorganisms, plants and		idea that light travels in	and voltage of cells used in
	Recognise the impact of diet, exercise	e, drugs	animals		straight lines to explain	the circuit
	and lifestyle on the way their bodies f	function	Give reasons for classifying pla	nts and animals	that objects are seen	Compare and give reasons
	Describe the ways in which nutrients	and	based on specific characteristic	cs.	because they give out or	for variations in how
	water are transported within animals,	,			reflect light into the eye.	components function,
	including humans.		B) Recognise that living things	have changed over	• Explain that we see	including the brightness of
			time and that fossils provide in	formation about	things because light	bulbs, the loudness of

		living things that inhabited the Earth millions of	travels from light sources	buzzers and the on/off
		years ago. • Recognise that living things produce	to our eyes or from light	position of switches
		offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring	sources to objects and	Use recognised symbols
		vary and are not identical to their parents. •	then to our eyes. • Use	when representing a simple
		Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit	the idea that light travels	circuit in a diagram.
		their environment in different ways and that	in straight lines to explain	
		adaptation may lead to evolution.	why shadows have the	
			same shape as the	
			objects that cast them.	
Prior learning	Describe the importance for humans of	Recognise that living things can be grouped in a	Recognise that they need	Identify common
	exercise, eating the right amounts of different	variety of ways. • Explore and use classification	light in order to see things	appliances that run on
	types of food, and hygiene. (Y2 - Animals,	keys to help group, identify and name a variety of	and that dark is the	electricity. • Construct a
	including humans) • Identify that animals,	living things in their local and wider environment.	absence of light. • Notice	simple series electrical
	including humans, need the right types and	(Y4 - Living things and their habitats) • Describe the	that light is reflected from	circuit, identifying and
	amount of nutrition, and that they cannot	differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an	surfaces. • Recognise that	naming its basic parts,
	make their own food; they get nutrition from	amphibian, an insect and a bird. (Y5 - Living things	light from the sun can be	including cells, wires, bulbs,
	what they eat. (Y3 - Animals, including	and their habitats) • Describe the life process of	dangerous and that there	switches and buzzers. •
	humans) • Describe the simple functions of	reproduction in some plants and animals. (Y5 -	are ways to protect their	Identify whether or not a
	the basic parts of the digestive system in	Living things and their habitats)	eyes. • Recognise that	lamp will light in a simple
	humans. (Y4 - Animals, including humans) •		shadows are formed	series circuit, based on
	Identify the different types of teeth in humans	Describe how different habitats provide for the	when the light from a	whether or not the lamp is
	and their simple functions. (Y4 - Animals,	basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants,	light source is blocked by	part of a complete loop
	including humans)	and how they depend on each other. (Y2 - Living	an opaque object. • Find	with a battery. • Recognise
		things and their habitats) • Notice that animals,	patterns in the way that	that a switch opens and
		including humans, have offspring which grow into	the size of shadows	closes a circuit and
		adults. (Y2 - Animals, including humans) • Explore	change. (Y3 - Light) •	associate this with whether
		the part that flowers play in the life cycle of	Compare and group	or not a lamp lights in a
		flowering plants, including pollination, seed	together everyday	simple series circuit. •
		formation and seed dispersal. (Y3 - Plants)	materials on the basis of	Recognise some common

		Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed	their properties, including	conductors and insulators,
		when things that have lived are trapped within	their hardness, solubility,	and associate metals with
		rock. (Y3 - Rocks) • Recognise that environments	transparency,	being good conductors. (Y4
		can change and that this can sometimes pose	conductivity (electrical	- Electricity)
		dangers to living things. (Y4 - Living things and their	and thermal), and	
		habitats)	response to magnets. (Y5	
			- Properties and changes	
			of materials)	
Sticky	The heart pumps blood in the <b>blood vessels</b>	Living things can be formally grouped according to	Light appears to travel in	Adding more <b>cells</b> to a
knowledge	around to the lungs. Oxygen goes into the	characteristics. Plants and animals are two main	straight lines, and we see	complete <b>circuit</b> will make
	blood and carbon dioxide is removed. The	groups but there are other living things that do not	objects when light from	a bulb brighter, a motor
	blood goes back to the heart and is then	fit into these groups e.g. micro-organisms such as	them goes into our eyes.	spin faster or a buzzer
	pumped around the body. Nutrients, water	bacteria and yeast, and toadstools and	The light may come	make a louder sound. If you
	and oxygen are transported in the blood to	mushrooms. Plants can make their own food.	directly from <b>light</b>	use a <b>battery</b> with a higher
	the <b>muscles</b> and other parts of the body	Animals can be divided into two main groups:	sources, but for other	voltage, the same thing
	where they are needed. As they are used, they	vertebrates and invertebrates. Vertebrates can be	objects some light must	happens. Adding more
	produce carbon dioxide and other waste	divided into five small groups: fish; amphibians;	be <b>reflected</b> from the	bulbs to a circuit will make
	products. Carbon dioxide is carried by the	reptiles; birds; and mammals. Each group has	object into our eyes for	each bulb less bright. Using
	blood back to the heart and then the cycle	common characteristics. Invertebrates can be	the object to be seen.	more motors or buzzers,
	starts again as it is transported back to the	divided into a number of groups, including insects	Objects that block light	each motor will spin more
	lungs to be removed from the body. This is the	and spiders. Plants can be divided broadly into two	(are not fully <b>transparent</b> )	slowly and each buzzer will
	human circulatory system.	main groups: flowering plants; and non-flowering	will cause shadows.	be quieter. Turning a <b>switch</b>
		plants.	Because light travels in	off (open) breaks a circuit
	Diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle have an		straight lines the shape of	so the circuit is not
	impact on the way our bodies function. They	All living things have <b>offspring</b> of the same kind.	the shadow will be the	complete and electricity
	can affect how well our heart and lungs work,	Due to <b>sexual reproduction,</b> the offspring are not	same as the outline shape	cannot flow. Any bulbs,
	how likely we are to suffer from conditions	identical to their parents and vary from each other.	of the object. Light can	motors or buzzers will then
	such as diabetes, how clearly we think, and	Plants and animals have characteristics that make	change direction in a	turn off as well. You can use
	generally how fit and well we feel. Some	them <b>suited (adapted)</b> to thei <b>r environment.</b> If the	process called refraction	recognised circuit symbols

	conditions are caused by <b>deficiencies</b> in our	environment changes rapidly, some variations of a		to draw simple circuit
	diet e.g. lack of vitamins. This content is also	species may not suit the new environment and will		diagrams.
	included in PSHE	die. If the environment changes slowly, animals and		
		plants with variations that are best suited will		
		survive to reproduce and pass their characteristics		
		on to their young. Over a longer period of time,		
		these characteristics may be so different to how		
		they were originally that a new species is created.		
		This is <b>evolution.</b>		
Working	Identify classify and describe	Identify classify and describe	Identify classify and	Identify classify and
scientifically			describe	describe
	Classify and describe the roles of veins,	Classify animals, plants, fungi, bacteria and Protista		Make circuits then
	capillaries and arteries in the circulatory	according to the Carl Linnaeus system.	Identify ways that light	represent them in circuit
	system	Create classification charts for vertebrates and	can change direction,	diagrams and applying
		invertebrates	including through	component symbols
	Classify healthy and unhealthy foods, describe	Create a classification system for some of the living	refraction	appropriately.
	the importance of exercise, the impact of	things in the school ground		
	illegal drugs on the body.		Pattern Seeking	Pattern Seeking
		Identify features in animals and plants that are		
	Pattern Seeking	passed onto offspring and explore this process by	Explore different ways to	Experiment with, explain
	Investigate how exercise affects heart rate,	considering the artificial breeding of animals or	demonstrate that light	and demonstrate
	before, just after and minutes after exercise.	plants e.g. dogs	travels in straight lines	the pattern between the
	Investigate recovery period. Identify mean for		e.g. shining a torch down	voltage of cells and
	class/ group and compare with average for age	Observations over time	a bent and straight hose	the brightness of a bulb.
	group.	Investigate conditions needed for bread to go	pipe, shining a torch	
		mouldy and microorganisms to thrive	through different shaped	Comparative and fair
	Comparative and fair testing		holes in the card.	testing
		Pattern Seeking		

	Investigate variables affecting heart rate in		Note patterns in how	Compare and explain, using
	exercise, design a fair test.	Compare how humans and other mammals have	mirrors change the	correct scientific language, what happens to lamps,
		evolved over time	direction of light	buzzers and motors when a
	Secondary Sources		travelling	resistor changes the flow of
		Comparative and fair testing		electricity in a circuit.
	Use secondary sources to research the		Comparative and fair	
	negative impact of drugs such as tobacco	Which bird 'beak' has adapted best for which type of	testing	
		bird 'food' (models Galapagos finches)		
			Investigate the best	
			reflective material for a	
			periscope	
			Investigate variables	
			which affect the size of a	
			shadow	
End of unit	WALT understand animals and humans	WALT understand evolution and inheritance	Understand how light	WALT understand electrical
task		Explain and give examples of the idea of adaptation	travels	circuits
	Write a booklet explaining how the heart and	and evolution		Devise ways to measure
	circulatory systems work and the importance		Experiment with making	brightness of bulbs, speed
	of looking after them		or using a periscope to	of motors, volume of a
			demonstrate how objects	buzzer during a fair test
			may be seen. Explain	Using correct scientific
			what is happening to the	language, describe how
			light.	changing the number and
				types of components in a
				circuit affects how they
				operate, such as increasing
				number of motors, buzzers

#### Progression in Working Scientifically in Years 3-6

Concept	What pupils should know and be able to do Lower KS2	Key vocabulary Lower KS2	What pupils should know and be able to do Upper KS2	Key vocabulary Upper KS2
Identifying, classifying & grouping	Identifying means to recognise something. Pupils learn that living and nonliving things can be sorted according to their differences ( classifying) They can then group things according to similarities and differences. These are called criteria. Pupils record classifications using Venn and Caroll diagrams and tables.	differences, similarities, classify, diagram, chart, key, Carroll Diagram, Venn Diagram, behaviour, properties, criteria,	Identifying means to recognise something. Pupils learn that living and nonliving things can be sorted according to their differences ( classifying) They can then group things according to similarities and differences. These are called criteria. Pupils record classifications using Venn and Caroll diagrams and tables. Pupils use classification keys to group according to criteria.	differences, similarities, classify, diagram, chart, key, Carroll Diagram, Venn Diagram, behaviour, properties, criteria, classification key
Observing or a little	A systematic observation is a way scientists observe repeatedly with a clear purpose. Pupils need to know that they can use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use standard units for their measurements , using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers. They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts (given templates, if	systematic, notice, patterns, observations, careful, accurate, evidence, increase, decrease, predict, conclude, relationships, appearance, unit measurements	Pupils must know how to select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale. During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time);	systematic, notice, patterns, observations, careful, accurate, evidence, increase, decrease, predict, conclude, relationships, appearance, unit measurements ( force, mm, cm, mins, seconds)

	required, to which they can add headings)		or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value)	
Comparative & fair testing	In a scientific test, scientists make predictions and hypotheses. A prediction is what they think the outcomes might be, and a hypothesis is an explanation of phenomena. In simple comparative tests children compare one event with another and identify different outcomes. A variable is something that can change. In order to demonstrate a causal relationship between two variables children carry out a fair test. For a fair test, they identify a variable that can be changed and measured while keeping the other variables the same. In investigations, <b>conclusions</b> summarize how your results support or contradict your original prediction and help to form a hypothesis.	cause, effect, enquiry, fair test, comparative test, variable factor, record, measure, prediction, conclusion, evidence, hypothesis, phenomena.	The children show they know how to select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale. During an enquiry, they assimilate other scientific processes into their learning. They make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value). They evaluate their findings, suggest improvements to their methods and form hypotheses.	Control, relationships, reliability, accuracy, interpret, justify, prove, Question/Enquiry , Method , Variables , Prediction , Results , Conclusion , Evaluation

	Pupils learn to recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up. They learn to think of more than one variable factor. They recognise when a simple comparative test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up.			
Pattern seeking	Children begin to look for naturally occurring patterns and relationships and decide what data to collect to identify them. With help, children can look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions. Children can say what they found out, linking cause and effect.	patterns, relationships, cause, effect, data, changes, similarities, differences, predict, question, observations, conclude,	Pupils learn how to identify causal relationships and patterns in the natural world from their evidence; make simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions. They draw conclusions based on their evidence and current subject knowledge. They identify results that do not fit the overall pattern; and explain their findings using their subject knowledge (anomalies)	causal, interpret, data, graphs and charts, anomaly, atypical, typical, impact
Research using secondary sources	Begin to recognise when and how secondary sources might help to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations	secondary source, reliability, fact, interpretation	Begin to recognise when and how secondary sources might help to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations	secondary source, reliability, fact, interpretation

#### End points:

Milestone 2- End of Year 4	Milestone 3 - End of Year 6
Biology:	Biology:
• Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem, leaves and flowers.	• Relate knowledge of plants to studies of evolution and inheritance.
• Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room	Relate knowledge of plants to studies of all living things.
to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.
• Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.	Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the
• Explore the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation	functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
and seed dispersal.	• Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies
• Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition, that they	function.
cannot make their own food and they get nutrition from what they eat.	• Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals,
• Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	including humans.
• Identify that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	• Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.
• Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.	• Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.
• Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.	• Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common, observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including
• Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.	microorganisms, plants and animals.

• Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their	• Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.
<ul> <li>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living</li> </ul>	• Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.
things.	<ul> <li>Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring</li> </ul>
Identify how plants and animals, including humans, resemble their parents in many features.	vary and are not identical to their parents.
• Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.	• Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
• Identify how animals and plants are suited to and adapt to their environment in different ways.	
	Chemistry:
Chemistry:	Compare and group together everyday materials based on evidence from
Rocks and Soils	comparative and fair tests, including their hardness, solubility, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.
• Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their simple, physical properties.	• Understand how some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.
• Relate the simple physical properties of some rocks to their formation (igneous or sedimentary).	• Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be
• Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within	separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.
<ul><li>sedimentary rock.</li><li>Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.</li></ul>	• 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.
States of Matter	• 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, oxidation and the action of acid on bicgroonate of soda.
• 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 the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C), building on their teaching in mathematics.	Physics:

Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the	Magnets	
rate of evaporation with temperature.	• Describe magnets as having two poles.	
Physics:	• Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	
Compare how things move on different surfaces.	Forces	
• Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.	• Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.	
Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.	• Identify the effect of drag forces, such as air resistance, water resistance and friction,	
• Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are	that act between moving surfaces.	
attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials.	• Describe, in terms of drag forces, why moving objects that are not driven tend to slow	
Describe magnets as having two poles.	down.	
• Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	• Understand that force and motion can be transferred through mechanical devices such as gears, pulleys, levers and springs.	
• Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light.	• Understand that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.	
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.	Understand that light appears to travel in straight lines.	
• Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object.	• Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eyes.	
• Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	• Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same	
• Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.	shape as the objects that cast them, and to predict the size of shadows when the position of the light source changes.	
• Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.		
Identify common appliances that run on electricity.	• 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.	

• Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.	• Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.
• 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.	• Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.
<ul> <li>Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.</li> <li>Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.</li> <li>Describe the movement of the Earth relative to the Sun in the solar system.</li> <li>Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.</li> <li>Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</li> <li>Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.</li> <li>Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.</li> <li>Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.</li> <li>Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.</li> </ul>
To work scientifically:	To work scientifically:
Ask relevant questions.	• Plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.
<ul> <li>Set up simple, practical enquiries and comparative and fair tests.</li> <li>Make accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, e.g. thermometers and data loggers.</li> </ul>	• Use appropriate techniques, apparatus, and materials during fieldwork and laboratory work.

• Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.	• Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy
	and precision.
Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts and	
tables.	• Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,
	classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs, and models.
• Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations	
of results and conclusions.	Report findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations of results,
	explanations involving causal relationships, and conclusions.
• Use results to draw simple conclusions and suggest improvements, new questions and predictions for	
setting up further tests.	• Present findings in written form, displays and other presentations.
• Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple, scientific ideas and processes.	• Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
- Identity differences, similarities of changes related to simple, scientific ideas and processes.	
• Use straightforward, scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.	• Use simple models to describe scientific ideas, identifying scientific evidence that has
	been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.