

Why Teach Science?


We believe that Science will allow pupils to make informed decisions and choices throughout their lives. By fostering and maintaining a curiosity throughout their education, our pupils will be able to:

- Understand how the world around them works
- Adapt to a life in a modern world
- Experience and share the cultural capital that Science provides
- Show resilience when solving problems
- Decipher fact from fiction by learning how to look for reliable sources of information.


Working Scientifically

Our curriculum details the scientific enquiry skills involved in the processes of science, including an understanding that questions are fundamental alongside the design of experiments; reasoning and arguing with scientific evidence and analysing and interpreting data.


Asking Questions




Making Predictions




Setting up Tests




Observing and Measuring




Recording Data



Interpreting and Communicating Results



Evaluating



Key Vocabulary


'Rocket Words' are identified for each unit. These are displayed in a table so pupils and teachers can make connections and revisit vocabulary from previous years/units.

Science Rocket Words				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Autumn 1	Animals Including Humans (About Me)	Living Things and Their Habitats	Rocks	
	senses: sight, taste, touch, smell, hearing	habitat	metamorphic rock	
	organs	desert	igneous rock	
	exercise	living	sedimentary rock	
	healthy	producer	extinct	
	design	root vegetable	weathering	
	baby	Food chain	acid rain	
	grow	excrete	fossil	
	bones	microhabitat	mineral	
	Everyday Materials (Exploring)	Animals Including Humans (Growth)	Animals Including Humans (What Makes us)	
Autumn 2	flight	birth	skeleton	
	structure	growth	tendon	
	transparent	reproduction	ligament	
	opaque	death	cartilage	
	translucent	life cycle	involuntary muscles	
	flexible	generation	voluntary muscles	
	rigid	child	contract and relax	
	oil	adult	vertebrae	
	Everyday Materials (Uses)	Plants	Forces and Magnets	
	magnet	germinate	lodestone	
Spring 1	metal	nutrient	horseshoe magnet	


The 8 Big Ideas of the Science Curriculum

Curriculum maps detail the sequencing of substantive knowledge from the disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics to enable pupils to build schemata of important concepts over time through eight 'big ideas'

Organisms




Ecosystems




Genes




Waves



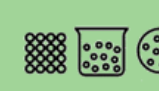
Forces




Electricity and Magnets



Matter



Earth



Each unit focuses on one or two of these big ideas. Knowledge relating to each of the big ideas is mapped progressively so that connections can be made to previous learning.


	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Ecosystems	Explore the natural world, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some	Identify and name a variety of plants and explore their basic structure Identify, name and explore the growth and care of animals.	Recognise the importance of a healthy lifestyle Understand and observe the life cycle of a plant Understand and identify the habitats of animals and their	Describe the life cycle of a plant, name key organs and what they do.	Construct and interpret food chains and recognise how environments can change, sometimes posing a danger to living things.

Assessment

Pupils' learning of the curriculum is assessed on an ongoing basis to monitor progress and identify the next steps in learning. In lessons, teachers check pupils can understand and remember the key knowledge and working scientifically skills built into the curriculum. Multiple choice quizzes are built into each unit to assess recall and understanding, these act as a diagnostic tool to inform teaching and provide pupils with feedback on their learning.


Scientific Enquiry Approaches used to develop Disciplinary Knowledge

Pattern Seeking



Identify patterns and look for relationships in enquiries where variables are difficult to control.

Observation Over Time




Observing changes that occur over a period of time ranging from minutes to months.

Research




Using secondary sources of information to answer scientific questions.

Identifying, Grouping and Classifying




Making observations to name, sort and organise items.

Comparative/Fair Testing



Changing one variable to see its effect on another, whilst keeping all others the same

Problem Solving



Applying prior scientific knowledge to find answers to problems.

	Forces	Electricity and Magnets	Waves	Earth	Matter	Organisms	Ecosystems	Genes
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Autumn 1	Animals, Including Humans (About Me)	Living Things and Their Habitats	Rocks	States of Matter	Properties of Materials	Light		
	Organisms	Organisms Ecosystems	Earth	Matter	Matter	Waves		
Autumn 2	Exploring Everyday Materials 1	Animals, Including Humans 1 (Growth)	Animals, Including Humans	Animals, Including Humans	Changes of Materials	Looking after the Environment		
	Matter	Genes	Organisms	Organisms Ecosystems	Matter	Ecosystems		
Spring 1	Exploring Everyday Materials 2	Plants	Forces and Magnets	Living Things and Their Habitats (Conservation)	Animals, Including Humans	Electricity		
	Matter	Ecosystems	Electricity and Magnets Forces	Ecosystems	Genes Organisms	Electricity and Magnets		
Spring 2	Plants	Uses of Everyday Materials	Plants	Living Things and Their Habitats	Living Things and their habitats	Animals, Including Humans		
	Ecosystems	Matter	Ecosystems	Genes	Ecosystems	Organisms		
Summer 1	Animals, Including Humans (All About Animals)	Animals, Including Humans 2 (Life Cycles)	Light	Sound	Earth and Space	Evolution and Inheritance		
	Organisms Ecosystems	Organisms	Waves	Waves	Earth	Genes		
Summer 2	Seasonal Changes	Living Things and Their Habitats (Habitats around the World)	Scientific Enquiry	Electricity	Forces	Living Things and Their Habitats		
	Earth	Ecosystems	Waves Matter	Electricity and Magnets	Forces	Genes		



Understanding the World

People, Culture and Communities

Past and Present

The Natural World

Technology

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

		Autumn 1	Spring 1	Summer 1
Key Knowledge and Skills	People, Culture and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways (experience of relevant festivals and celebrations) making links to the children's own experiences linking to below - Discuss members of the immediate family and community. How are we the same and different? - Discuss similarities and differences between people and the lives they live (jobs/houses/appearance/family etc) - Name and describe people who are familiar to us - Comment on images of familiar situations in the past - Explore and describe the immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. - Create graphical representations, drawings and maps based on own life, immediate environment and experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways (experience of relevant festivals and celebrations) gaining an increased understanding that we all celebrate different events linking to below - Explore, discuss and recognise similarities, differences between themselves and others and among families, communities and traditions. - Understand that some places are special to members of their community - Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past - Explore and describe the school and local environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. - Create graphical representations, drawings and maps based on the school and areas of the local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore, discuss and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways (experience of relevant festivals and celebrations) making connections between our own experiences and those of other's people linking to below - Recognise and discuss some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on own experiences and reading - Explore, discuss and explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.
	Past and Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss about past and present events in own life and the lives of their family - Discuss the lives of people around them and their roles in society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognise some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling - Discuss and encourage children to understand what is the past, present and future in simple terms
	The Natural World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record patterns in weather and explore features of Autumn/Winter - Explore and discuss features of materials and states of matter - Explore a range of objects and materials in the immediate environment and from nature and recognise and discuss their features - Discuss and explain some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects - Play with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g. visiting farms, garages, train tracks, walking by river or lake - Discuss and learn to show care and concern for living things and the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record patterns in weather and explore features of Winter/Spring - Explore changes in states of matter through cooking and materials (e.g. paint, clay, ice) - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants - Experience planting and growing of bulbs and seeds - Explore and recognise growth, decay and changes over time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record patterns in weather and explore features of Spring/Summer and compare over time - Discuss and explain changes in states of matter - 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. - Develop an understanding of the effect their behaviour can have on the environment
	Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore and use a range of different basic technology - Know how to operate simple equipment, e.g. uses a remote control, can navigate touch-capable technology with support - Explore making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore and play with technological toys with knobs or pulleys, real objects such as cameras, and touchscreen devices such as mobile phones and tablets - Play with a range of materials to learn cause and effect, e.g. makes a string puppet using dowels and string to suspend the puppet - Explore and discuss why things happen and how things work - Model the correct use of technology including care for equipment, ipads, cameras, computer keyboards and mice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use digital devices and the internet to retrieve and record information relevant to learning

Science Big Ideas	Earth	Matter	Organisms	Ecosystems	Genes
EYFS		Year 1		Year 2	
<p>Early Learning Goal: The Natural World Children at the expected level of development will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; 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. <p>Reception Understanding the World Milestones Milestone 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notices detailed features of objects in their environment Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects Enjoys playing with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g. visiting farms, garages, train tracks, walking by river or lake <p>Milestone 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows care and concern for living things and the environment <p>Milestone 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time <p>Milestone 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Begin to understand the effect their behaviour can have on the environment 	<p>Typical learning experiences include:</p> <p><u>Everyday materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring a variety of materials and their characteristics. Joining materials together Investigating properties – experimenting with floating and sinking, magnetic properties, strength, natural vs man made. Investigating effectiveness of materials e.g making a paper plane made from different materials like a paper towel, or card. Recycling and reusing materials. Junk modelling areas as well as explicit teaching. <p><u>Plants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Categorising different types. Naming common plants and different parts e.g petals, stem, leaves, roots. Exploring natural environment. Growing plants eg cress, beans, potatoes, sunflowers. Caring for plants. <p><u>Animals including humans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking care of our bodies, teeth, body, healthy food, sun safety, enough sleep etc. Being able to discuss how to keep healthy. Identifying and naming and grouping different animals. Linking to habitats and environments. <p><u>Seasonal Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observing changes in the environment eg keeping a year long record, providing context for seasonal changes. Observe changes in weather. Be able to name different types of weather e.g fog. Discussions about why we wear types of clothing at different types of year. 	Autumn 1	<p>Animals Including Humans (About Me)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Living Things and Their Habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. 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>Everyday Materials (Exploring and Uses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. 	<p>Animals Including Humans 1 (Growth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
		Autumn	<p>Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become familiar with common names of flowers and pant structures including seeds. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Understand how plants change over time. Observe the growth of planted flowers and keep records of how plants change over time. 	<p>Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Understand the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as, the processes of reproduction and growth in plants. 	
		Spring 1		<p>Uses of Everyday Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
		Spring 2	<p>Animals Including Humans (About Animals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. 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) 	<p>Animals Including Humans 2 (Life Cycles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. 	
		Summer 1		<p>Living Things and Their Habitats (Habitats Around the World)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. 	
		Summer 2	<p>Seasonal Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. 		

Science Big Ideas

Forces

Electricity and Magnets

Waves

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Matter

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Genes

		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Biology - Knowledge and Enquiry Questions	Animals including humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. 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) Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. 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). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.
	Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers 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 			
	Living Things and Their		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. 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. Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
	Evolution and inheritance						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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Science Big Ideas		Forces	Electricity and Magnets	Waves	Earth	Matter	Organisms	Ecosystems	Genes
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Chemistry - Knowledge and Enquiry Questions	Everyday Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.• Explore how and why rocks might have changed over time.• 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.					
	States of Matter				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.				
	Properties and Changes of					<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.			
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Physics - Knowledge and Enquiry Questions

Working Scientifically – Progression of Vocabulary			
EYFS and Year 1	Year 2	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Questions	Pictogram	Variables	Independent variable
Answers	Tally chart	Control variable	Dependent variable
Equipment	Block diagram	Types of scientific enquiry	Accuracy
Gather	Venn diagram	Identify	Precision
Measure	Table Chart	Classify	Degree of trust
Record	Order	Order/rank	Classification keys
Results	Observe changes over time	Comparative tests	Scatter graphs
Sort	Notice patterns	Fair tests	Line graphs
Group	Link	Careful/systematic	Causal relationship
Test	Secondary sources	Accurate	Opinion/fact
Explore	Hand lenses	Observations	
Observe	Stopwatch	Evidence	
Compare		Present	
Describe Similar/similarities		Data/evidence/results	
Different/differences		Keys	
Egg timers		Bar charts	
Ruler		Conclusions	
Tape measure		Prediction	
Metre stick		Support/not support/ refute	
Beaker		Thermometers	
Pipette		Data loggers	
syringe		Magnifying glass	
		Microscope	
		Increase	
		Decrease	
		Appearance	

These ‘working scientifically’ statements specify the understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science for each year group. They are to be embedded within the content of biology, chemistry and physics through scientific enquiry to enable pupils to answer relevant scientific questions through a variety of approaches.

Asking Questions	Making Predictions	Setting up Tests	Observing and Measuring	Recording Data	Interpreting and Communicating Results	Evaluating	
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Asking and Answering Scientific Questions	Ask and answer a range of questions.	Explore the world around them and use everyday language/begin to use simple scientific words to ask or answer a scientific question.	Suggest ideas, ask simple questions and know that they can be answered/investigated in different ways including simple secondary sources, such as books and video clips.	Use ideas to pose questions, independently, about the world around them.	Suggest relevant questions and know that they could be answered in a variety of ways, including using secondary sources such as ICT. Answer questions using straight forward scientific evidence.	Raise different types of scientific questions, and hypotheses.	Pose/select the most appropriate line of enquiry to investigate scientific questions.
Making Predictions	Use future tense to talk about what is going to happen.	Begin to say what might happen in an investigation.	Begin to make predictions using relevant scientific vocabulary.	Make predictions and begin to give a reason using relevant scientific vocabulary.	Make predictions and give a reason using scientific vocabulary.	Make predictions and give a reason using scientific vocabulary.	Make predictions and give a reason using scientific vocabulary. Base predictions on findings from previous experience/ investigations.
Setting up Tests	Experiment with cause and effect (e.g., towers falling down, cars down a ramp)	Experience different types of scientific enquiry, including practical activities. Follow instructions to complete a simple test individually or in a group.	Begin to recognise different ways in which they might answer scientific questions. Do things in the correct order when performing a simple test and begin to recognise when something is unfair.	Discuss enquiry methods and describe a fair test.	Make decisions about different enquiries, including recognising when a fair test is necessary and begin to identify variables.	Plan a range of science enquiries, including comparative and fair tests.	Select and plan the most suitable line of enquiry, explaining which variables need to be controlled and why, in a variety of comparative and fair tests.
Making Observations	Offer explanations for why things might happen. Notice patterns.	Observe objects, materials and living things and describe what they see.	Observe something closely and describe changes over time.	Make decisions about what to observe during an investigation.	Make systematic and careful observations, deciding what to observe and how long for/how many times.	Plan and carry out comparative and fair tests, making systematic and careful observations.	Make their own decisions about which observations to make, using test results and observations to make predictions or set up further comparative or fair tests.
Equipment and Measurements	Use simple equipment to compare. Use drawing to represent ideas.	Use simple, non-standard equipment and measurements in a practical task.	Use simple equipment, such as hand lenses or egg timers to take measurements, make observations and carry out simple tests.	Make accurate measurements using standard units.	Make decisions about what type of equipment should be used. Take accurate measurements using standard units and a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.	Take measurements using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision.	Choose the most appropriate equipment in order to take measurements, explaining how to use it accurately. Decide how long to take measurements for, checking results with additional readings.
Identifying and Classifying	Sort some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects	Sort and group objects, materials and living things, with help, according to simple observational features.	Decide, with help, how to group materials, living things and objects, noticing changes over time and beginning to see patterns.	Talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and categorising, beginning to see patterns and relationships.	Identify similarities/differences/changes when talking about scientific processes. Use and begin to create simple keys.	Use and develop keys to identify, classify and describe living things and materials.	Identify and explain patterns seen in the natural environment.
Recording Data	Record patterns in weather. Use past tense to talk about things that have happened.	Begin to record simple data using simple measurements and equipment.	Gather data, selecting the appropriate equipment, and record their findings in a range of ways, using simple scientific vocabulary.	Record their findings using scientific language and diagrams.	Choose appropriate ways to record and present information, findings and conclusions for different audiences (e.g., displays, oral or written explanations).	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams, labels, classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs and models.	Choose the most effective approach to record and report results, linking to mathematical knowledge.
Interpreting and Communicating Results	Talk about similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments.	Talk about their findings and explain what they have found out. Explain, with help, what they think they have found out.	Talk about their findings and use simple scientific language to explain what they have found out.	Present findings in note form, writing frames, diagrams, tables and charts. Draw, with help, a simple conclusion based on evidence from an enquiry or observation.	Use recorded data to make predictions, pose new questions and suggest improvements for further enquiries. Use relevant scientific language to discuss their ideas and communicate their findings in ways that are appropriate for different audiences, including oral and written explanations.	Use a simple mode of communication to justify their conclusions on a hypothesis. Begin to recognise how scientific ideas change over time.	Identify validity of conclusion and required Improvement to methodology. Discuss how scientific ideas develop over time.
Analysing Data Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions.	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them.	Use every day or simple scientific language to ask and/or answer a question on given data.	Identify simple patterns and/or relationships using simple comparative language. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.	Gather, record and use data in a variety of ways. Identify new questions arising from the data.	Identify, with help, changes, patterns, similarities and differences in data to help form conclusions. Use scientific evidence to support their findings. Make predictions for new values within or beyond the data they have collected and find ways to improve what they have already done.	Use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify their scientific ideas.	Identify and explain causal relationships in data and identify evidence that supports or refutes their findings, selecting fact from opinion.

 East Midlands Academy Trust		<h1>East Midlands Academy Trust</h1> <h2>Science Curriculum Map – Disciplinary Language</h2>				      								
Asking Questions 		Making Predictions 		Setting up Tests 		Observing and Measuring 		Recording Data 		Interpreting and Communicating Results 		Evaluating 		
	Making Predictions		Observing and Measuring		Observing and Measuring		Asking Questions		Making Predictions		Evaluating			
			Interpreting and Communicating Results		Interpreting and Communicating Results						Evaluating			
	The Language of Prediction - Predicting		The Language of Description –Describing		The Language of Comparison –Comparing and contrasting		The Language of Hypothesis – a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on evidence				The Language of Evaluation –Evaluating			
EYFS	I think it will..... <i>‘What do you think will happen?’</i> It will..... The.....will..... The.....is going to..... This will.....because..... <i>What do you think will happen next?</i> <i>What will happen if.....</i>		It is big / small (size) It is (shape name) It is a (shape name) It is soft / hard or hot / cold (texture / properties) It feels like..... It looks like..... It tastes like..... It sounds like..... It smells like..... because..... It is the same because.....It is different because..... <i>As above, use This looks like etc</i>		It is the same because... It looks the same because... It feels the same because... It tastes the same because... It sounds the same because... It is different / They are different because... It is not the same. This is.....and that is.....		How do you know e.g. <i>‘The porridge is hot’?</i> It is.....because..... I think.....because..... It will.....because..... The.....is.....because..... <i>What do you think?</i> <i>What will happen if.....?</i>				I made this train. <i>“I like the way the wheels rotate”</i> I’ve done this picture. <i>“I can see you have put lots of detail in there, flowers, people, trees”</i> I like this because..... I made this..... I did this..... I’ve done this...			
Year 1	I think..... I think.....because..... (prior knowledge) I predict.....will happen. They are the same because..... (comparing)		It is.....and..... The.....is.....and..... This is They are They are.....because..... It is a (adjective) / (noun) .....has have		They are the same because..... They are different because.....is.....and.....is..... They are alike because they are both.....		I think.....because.....and..... I don’t think.....because.....and..... .....will happen because.....				I found.....hard/easy because..... I like / dislike because..... I feel that.....next time. I could..... In my opinion.....because.....			
Year 2	.....same..... .....similar..... .....different..... I think.....because..... I predict that.....because..... I think they will be alike because they are both.....		It / This is.....and..... This has and The.....is.....and..... They are.....and..... I feel.....because..... This is a big, round, red, beach ball		They are the same because..... They are similar because..... They are different because..... is.....and.....is..... They are alike because they are both..... It feels different because this one..... and that one.....		I think this.....because..... I know this, so I think This will happen because.....				I think my..... is.....because..... Next time I could..... I found.....hard/easy because..... I like / dislike.....because..... It was interesting because..... I like this because..... I like the part where.....because..... What I found hard about this was..... I found this hard/easy because			
Year 3	I predict that.....because..... however/meanwhile/therefore/also..... I predict that.....after / as a result of This is probable because..... .....and.....are different in that.....therefore as a result..... After.....I predict that..... The outcome will be.....because..... <i>What do you think? How did you come to that prediction?</i>		It looks/feels/sounds/smells like It appears to be.....because..... It seems to be.....as..... I think it looks like.....due to..... It reminds me of.....because / therefore / meanwhile..... <i>Why? How? What? Tell Me About...</i>		..... and.....are both..... .....and.....are alike in that..... .....and.....are similar because..... .....and.....are different in that..... .....is.....but.....is..... .....is.....but.....is..... .....is.....while.....is.....		Because I know that.....I know Due to this.....I know that.....				I found this work.....because..... Next time I could/would/..... Maybe you could try..... / I feel that..... I enjoyed it because..... .....was successful / ambitious because..... You could improve this work by.....			
Year 4	I predict that.....because.....however..... Due to the fact that..... (extension of because) As a result of.....this will happen because..... All events lead on to.....because..... Because.....and.....are similar, I predict that.....will happen. The outcome will be.....due to..... Based on.....I predict that..... After hearing all the evidence, I think that..... will happen		It looks/feels/tastes/sounds/smells like It appears to be.....because..... It seems to be like.....because..... I think it looks like.....because..... It reminds me of.....because..... <i>Why? How? What? Tell Me About...</i>		.....and.....are both..... .....and.....are alike in that..... .....and.....are similar because..... .....and.....have the following points in common: One similarity between.....and.....is that..... Another is..... A further..... One difference is..... A further difference is.....		Because I know that, I know that..... Due to the fact that.....I know that.....will happen Maybe it’s because				I enjoyed.....because..... .....was successful / ambitious because..... You could improve this work by..... Maybe you could try..... Next time I / you could / would.....			
Year 5	I predict that..... I believe / I think..... might / or..... If..... Then..... X has happened, therefore I think.....		It looks/feels/tastes/sounds/smells like It appears to be.....because..... It seems to be like.....because..... I think it looks like.....because..... It reminds me of.....because..... <i>Why? How? What? Tell Me About...</i>		In some ways....and.....are alike. For instance they both..... Another feature they have in common is that..... Furthermore they are both..... However they also differ in some ways. For example.....while..... Another difference is..... Another difference is.....		It is true that..... Can we prove that..... In conclusion..... I would like to prove / disprove..... Perhaps the reason is				My view is that.....because..... This is supported by the fact that..... In my opinion.....furthermore.....However..... Possible improvements may include.....			
Year 6	In light of.....I predict..... There is a high / low probability..... The chances of/The likelihood of/Due to the fact that/Upon consideration of the relevant factors		In comparison to..... <i>Idioms e.g. Peas in a pod</i> <i>Develop / Introduce metaphors and similes.</i>		In some ways.....and.....are alike. For instance they both..... Another feature they have in common is that..... Furthermore they are both..... However they also differ in some ways. For example.....while..... Another difference is that.....whereas..... Finally.....but..... The similarities/differences seem more significant that the similarities/differences because.....		Based on the evidence I have been presented with, I can conclude..... Taking everything into account..... Having analysed..... Having pondered..... If we accept this hypothesis, what else will be true? Given this, it is likely that				My view is that..... In my opinion..... This is supported by the fact that..... Furthermore.....however..... Possible improvements may include..... Or alternatively.....			

		Answering Scientific Questions		Obtaining and Presenting Evidence				Considering Evidence and Evaluating		
Key Stage 1 Disciplinary Knowledge		Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways		Performing simple tests	Observing closely using simple equipment	Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions		Using observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions		Identifying and classifying
Year 1	Animals Including Humans (All About Me)			✓		✓		✓		✓
	Everyday Materials (Exploring)			✓		✓		✓		✓
	Everyday Materials (Uses)			✓						✓
	Plants	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓
	Animals Including Humans (About Animals)	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓
	Seasonal Change			✓		✓		✓		✓
Year 2	Living Things and Their Habitats	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓
	Animals Including Humans 1 (Health and Survival)			✓				✓		✓
	Plants	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
	Uses of Everyday Materials			✓		✓		✓		
	Animals Including Humans 2 (Life Cycles)	✓				✓		✓		✓
	Living Things and Their habitats (Habitats around the world)	✓				✓		✓		✓
Lower Key Stage 2 Disciplinary Knowledge		Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiry to answer them	Setting up practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Making systematic and careful observations, and where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units. Using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers	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	Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions	Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions	Identifying difference, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes	Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or support their findings
Year 3	Rocks			✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Animals Including Humans				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Forces and Magnets		✓	✓		✓	✓			
	Plants	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Light				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Scientific Enquiry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 4	States of Matter			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Animals Including Humans		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Living Things and Their Habitats (Conservation)			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Living Things and Their Habitats						✓		✓	
	Sound		✓	✓		✓	✓			
	Electricity	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Upper Key Stage 2 Disciplinary Knowledge		Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary		Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings where appropriate	Recording data and the results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification, keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs		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		Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests	Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments
Year 5	Properties of Materials	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
	Changes of Materials	✓				✓		✓		✓
	Animals Including Humans (The Human Life Cycle)			✓	✓	✓				✓
	Living Things and Their Habitats	✓				✓				✓
	Earth and Space			✓		✓		✓		✓
	Forces	✓		✓		✓				✓
Year 6	Light	✓			✓	✓				✓
	Looking After the Environment				✓	✓		✓		✓
	Electricity	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
	Animals Including Humans	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓
	Evolution and Inheritance					✓				✓
	Living Things and Their Habitats	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓

		Science Rocket Words				      									
	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6				
Autumn 1	Animals, Including Humans (About Me)		Living Things and Their Habitats		Rocks		States of Matter		Properties of Materials		Light				
	senses- sight, taste, touch, smell, hearing		reproduce		metamorphic rock		water cycle		comparative test		luminous				
	organs		excrete		igneous rock		sublimation		elasticity		fluorescent				
	exercise		respire		sedimentary rock		deposition		plasticity		magnify				
	healthy		habitat		extinct		reverse		crude oil		spectrum				
	design		microhabitat		weathering		evaporation		insulation		angle of incidence				
	baby		survive		acid rain		water vapour		extraction		angle of reflection				
	grow		producer		fossil		condensation		thermal conductivity		convex lens				
	bones		consumer		mineral		states of matter		inexhaustible		refraction				
Autumn 2	Exploring Everyday Materials 1		Animals, Including Humans 1 (Growth)		Animals, Including Humans		Animals, Including Humans		Changes of Materials		Looking After the Environment				
	flight		nutrition		skeleton		salivary gland		separate		Global warming				
	structure		healthy		tendon		oesophagus		solution		Biodegrade				
	transparent		protein		ligament		intestines		solute		Emissions				
	opaque		carbohydrate		cartilage		food pyramid		solvent		Combustion				
	translucent		dairy		involuntary muscles		nutrient		irreversible		Sustainability				
	flexible		fat		voluntary muscles		vitamin		reversible		Species				
	rigid		exercise		contract and relax		Digestive system		physical change		Climate change				
	oil		hygiene		vertebrae		peristalsis		chemical change		Natural disaster				
Spring 1	Exploring Everyday Materials 2		Plants		Forces and Magnets		Living Things and Their Habitats (Conservation)		Animals, Including Humans		Electricity				
	magnet		photosynthesis		lodestone		recycling		reproduce		static electricity				
	metal		carbon dioxide		horseshoe magnet		endangered		puberty		filament				
	wood		oxygen		bar magnet		ecosystem		adolescence		voltage				
	plastic		glucose		attract		environment		hormone		insulator				
	paper		pollination		repel		pollute		memory		conductor				
	man-made		germination		compass		chemical		childhood		fuse				
	natural		crop		magnetic needle		contaminate		gestation		component				
	recycle		forests		pendulum		emission		fertilisation		variable resistor				
Spring 2	Plants		Uses of Everyday Materials		Plants		Living Things and Their Habitats		Living Things and Their Habitats		Animals, Including Humans				
	seed		material		germination		classify		Stamen		Circulatory system				
	root		property		non-vascular		vertebrate		Stigma		Capillary				
	flower		obstacle		clone		invertebrate		Metamorphosis		Microscope				
	stem		construction		fungi		cold-blooded		Monotreme		Plasma				
	crop		stretchy		insectivorous		warm-blooded		Placental		Platelet				
	leaf		elastic		deforestation		sample		Marsupial		Diffusion				
	fruit		force		biodiversity		exoskeleton		Endangered		Pulse				
	grain		bend		fertilisation		creature		naturalist		stimulant				
Summer 1	Animals, Including Humans (All About Animals)		Animals, Including Humans 2 (Life Cycles)		Light		Sound		Earth and Space		Evolution and Inheritance				
	pet		life cycle		reflection		vibration		heliocentric		evolution				
	mammal		foetus		telescope		amplitude		geocentric		inheritance				
	offspring		womb		periscope		soundproof		solar system		DNA				
	care		offspring		parallel		sound wave		astronomy		natural selection				
	bird		reproduction		ultraviolet rays		frequency		big bang theory		ancestor				
	fish		transformation		mirror		decibel		gravitational force		husbandry				
	reptile		metamorphosis		shadow		eardrum		orbit		generation				
	amphibian		froglet		sun protection		pitch		hemisphere		fossilisation				
Summer 2	Seasonal Change		Living Things and Their Habitats (Habitats around the World)		Scientific Enquiry		Electricity		Forces		Living Things and Their habitats				
	spring		organism		Solar		complete circuit		Sir Isaac Newton		classify				
	summer		rainforest		Prediction		circuit diagram		gravity		prokaryote				
	autumn		endangered		Results		voltage		resistance		species				
	winter		biodiversity		Acid		conductor		lever		vertebrate				
	weather		ocean		Alkali		insulator		gear		invertebrate				
	temperature		ecosystem		Evidence		current		pulley		microorganism				
	thermometer		desert		Variable		switch		mass		fungi				
	forecast		Arctic		Control experiment		resistance		friction		kingdom				
Forces		Electricity and Magnets		Waves		Earth		Matter		Organisms		Ecosystems		Genes	