Big Picture for Curriculum Subjects

(to be used alongside subject specific curriculum overview/progression of skills)



Science

What are the Key Concepts and Ideas that we want children to learn about in this subject through their education?

- 1. Develop as young scientists to have the knowledge and stills to understand the world around and equip them for the future.
- 2. Children to be next stage ready by building on prior knowledge and prepare them for modern Britain by understanding science is constantly being challenged and developed in the world.
- 3. Children will develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.
- 4. Children will develop their working scientifically skills throughout the curriculum with the 5 areas embedded within each discipline.
- 5. Children to gain knowledge and understand of science specific language and be able to apply this vocabulary across the three disciplines of science.
- 6. Children will combine and apply skills and knowledge of Science through the exploration of STEM learning.

Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Plants Animals, including Humans Living things & Habitats Evolution & Inheritance	Rocks Everyday Materials Properties & Changes of Materials States of Matter	Light Sound Forces & Magnets Seasonal Changes Earth & Space Electricity

Working Scientifically	Working scientifically is embedded within the content of biology, chemistry and physics. Children will gain an understanding of the nature, process and methods of science with key features of scientific enquiry. Children will discover answers to enquires/questions through collecting, analysing and presenting data across the disciplines.
	The five areas of working scientifically are pattern seeing, identifying, classifying and grouping, comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations) and researching using secondary sources.

EYFS	KS1	KS2
Explore the natural world around them and making observations. (1,2,3)	Observe more closely at the natural world around them. Encouraged to be curious and ask questions (1,2,3)	Children will have a broader and deeper scientific view of the world around them. (1,2,3)
Foster curiosity through exploring and observations within their environment and local environments. (1,3,4) Children to have the freedom to have a hands-on experiences in	Begin to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiries (observing, questioning, pattern, grouping and classifying), (4.5)	Ask their own questions about what they observe and make decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them. (2,4,5)
their environment to observe and ask questions. (1,2,5) Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. (1,2)	Begin to carry out simple comparative tests. (4) First-hand practical experiences are used to develop knowledge	Make conclusions from and use scientific language to talk about what they have found and write about what they have found. (3,4,5)
wond around them. (1,2)	and understanding of the disciplines Secondary sources to support their development of knowledge. (2,3) Begin to use simple scientific language to talk. (3,5)	Encounter more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand and predict how the world operates. (3)
		Begin to understand and recognise that scientific ideas change and develop over time. (2,3)
		Use a range of secondary sources to support enquires/tests and deepen their knowledge and understanding. (4)

Working scientifically across the school.

EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Making observations of the natural world and their immediate environment. Opportunities to ask questions and answer questions throughout the provision with the	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways Overserving closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests.	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquires to answer them. Making systematic and careful observations and, where	Planning different types of scientific enquires recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or
use of a curiosity box. Identify and classifying. Key focus of vocabulary.	Identifying and classifying Gathering and recording data to help answer question. Key focus of vocabulary within each discipline.	appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units. Identifying similarities, differences and changes. Setting up simple practical enquires, comparative and fair tests. Using results to draw upon simple conclusions, make simple predictions and suggest further improvements	challenge ideas. Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision. Using testing results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Recording, reporting and presenting data from enquires, conclusions, using increasing in complexity and using scientific diagrams
		Recording, reporting and presenting data from simple enquires.	labels, tables and graphs. Kev focus of vocabulary
		comparative and fair	within each discipline.

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within each discipline.		Key focus of vocabulary within each discipline.	

WHY are children learning this and WHY are they learning this now?

	Autumn	Spring	Summer	
EYFS	Science as well as other foundatio	n subjects are covered throughout th	ne year across all the areas of	
	learning but specifically within the following areas:			
	The Natural World			
	Pupils will explore the natur	al world around them, making obser	vations and drawing pictures of	
	animals and plants.			
	• Know some similarities and	differences between the natural wor	ld around them and contrasting	
	environments, drawing on their ex	periences and what has been read ir	n class.	
	• Understand some importan	t processes and changes in the natur	al world around them, including	
	the seasons and changing states o	f matter.		
	Personal, Social and Emotional Dev	velopment		
	Managing Self - Manage the	ir own basic hygiene and personal ne	eeds, including dressing, going to	
	the toilet, and understanding the i	mportance of healthy food choices.		
	The areas of Science covered are: Materials and changing states			
	Classification. Knowledge. Camouf	lage. Fossils and Extinction.		
	Food and healthy diets	5 /		
	, Seasons			
	Animals and Plants			
	Light			
	Health and hygiene			
	The following skills are covered:			
	Compare Observe			
	Classify			
	Explore			
	Describe			
	Explain			
	Some of the topics may be explored through the following: Biscuits, dinosaurs, dough babies, foods of the seasons, frozen, into the woods, light magic, mud glorious mud, pets and vets, pirates, slimy things, socks, sound collectors, superhero materials, The Gingerbread Man, the potting shed, whatever the weather, Zarg's world			
	Know and talk about the different	factors that support their overall he	alth and wellbeing. Personal	
	hygiene			
Year 1	Seasonal changes	Seasonal changes	Seasonal changes	
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	Building on from EYFS children	Building on from EYFS children will	Building on from EYFS children	
	will observe changes across the	observe changes across the four	will observe changes across the	
	four seasons. Observe and	seasons. Observe and describe	four seasons. Observe and	
	describe weather associated with	weather associated with the	describe weather associated	
	the seasons and how day length	seasons and how day length varies.	with the seasons and how day	
	varies.	,	length varies.	
		Everyday Materials		
	Animals, including humans	,	Plants	
		Building on from EYFS children		
	Building on from EYES children	will begin to look at basic		
	will learn with part of their body	properties of a variety of	Continuing on from EYFS children	
	is associated with each sense	everyday materials and identify	will identify and name a variety of	
	and identify the basic parts of	the different materials using the	common wild and garden plants	
	the human body.	correct name for the everyday	including deciduous and	
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	Children will use their knowledge of animals they have explored in EYFS to identify and name variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and describe/compare the structure of a variety of common animals.	material.	evergreen trees which is new learning in Year 1. Children will continue to build upon their knowledge of Plants. Children will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants including trees.
Year 2	Animals including human Building on from EYFS when looking at simple features of life cycles, children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grown into adults. Find out and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans for survival. Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	Uses of Everyday Materials Building on from Year 1, children will look at everyday materials in more detail. They will be identifying basic properties and compare the suitability of these materials for a variety of uses.	Plants Building on their knowledge from Year 1, children will 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. They will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Living things and their Habitats Building on from EYFS when they explored the basic features of a life cycle, children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. They will begin to look more at the habitats in their local environment and identify basic needs of animals and plants. Children will continue to build upon their knowledge of habitats. They will begin to look at simple food chains and identify different sources of food.

Year 3	Animals including humans	Forces and Magnets	Rocks
	Developing their knowledge from Year 2 children will 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 animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	Building on from their knowledge of properties of materials in Year 2, children will begin to compare how things move on different surfaces. Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a	This area of science is new learning. The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have loved are trapped within rock. Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.
		magnet, and identify some magnetic materials. Describe magnets as having two poles. Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	After looking at the basic structure of plants over KS1, children will look at the structure and how a plant grows in more depth. They will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.
		This is new learning for the children in science. Children will recognise that they need light in order to see things, that dark is the absence of light. Notice that light is reflected from surfaces. Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that they are ways to protect their eyes. Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object. Find patterns in the way that sizes of shadows change.	Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth and how they are 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 a flowering plant, including pollinations, seed formation and seed dispersal.
Year 4	Animals, including humans	Electricity	Sound
	Building on from Year 3 and understanding the importance of nutrition on the human body, children will 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.	This is new area of learning in science. Children will identify common appliances that run on electricity. Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and names its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is a [art of a complete loop with a battery.	This is a new area of learning in science. Children will 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 sound and features of the object that produced it. Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the

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Recognise that a switch opens and	strength of the vibrations that
closes a circuit and associate this	produced it. Recognise that
with whether or not a lamp lights	sounds get fainter as the
in a simple circuit. Recognise some	distance from the sound
common conductors and isolators,	increases.
and associate metals with being	
conductors.	Living things and habitats
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States of matter	Continuing to develop on their
	knowledge from Vear 2
This is a new area of learning in	childron will recognise that
seienee and is only severed in	living things can be grouped in
Year 4. Children will compare and	a variety of ways. Explore and
group materials together,	use classification keys to help
according to whether they are	group, identify and name a
solids, liquids or gases. Observe	variety of living things in their
that some materials change state	local and wider environment.
when they are heated or cooled,	Recognise that environments
and measured or research the	can change and that this can
temperature at which this	sometimes pose dangers to
happens in degrees Celsius.	living things.
Identify the part played by	5 5
evanoration and condensation in	
the water cycle and associate the	
rate of eveneration	
rate of evaporation	
with temperature.	

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Year 5	Animais, including numans	Properties and changes of materials	Earth and Space
	Developing their knowledge	Know that some materials will	This is a new area of learning
	from Year 2 when looking at	dissolve in liquid to from a	in science and is only covered
	offspring which grown into	solution, and describe how to	in Year 5. Children will
	adults. The children will describe	recover a substance from a	describe the movement of the
	the changes as humans develop	solution. Use knowledge of solids	Earth, and other planets,
	from birth to old age.	liquids and gases to decide how	relative to the Sun in the solar
		mixtures might be separated,	system. Describe the
	Properties and changes of	including through filtering, sieving	novement of the Moon
	materials	and evaporating. Give reasons,	relative to the Earth. Describe
		based on evidence from	the Sun, Earth and Moon as
	Building their exploring and	comparative and fair tests, for the	approximately spherical
	observing changes in natural	particular uses of everyday	bodies. Use the idea of the
	processes in EYFS children will	materials. Demonstrate that	Earth's rotation to explain day
	look at the properties and	dissolving, mixing and changes of	and night and the apparent
	changes of materials in greater	state are reversible changes.	movement of the sun across
	depth. They will compare and	Explain that some changes with	the sky
	group together everyday	burning and the action of acid on	che oky.
	materials on the basis of their	hicarbonate of soda	Living things and habitats
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	solubility transparancy	Forces	Developing their knowledge
	solubility, transparency,	Forces	frame Value 2 of locate life available
	conductivity and response to		If officiency clear 2 of basic life cycles,
	magnets.	Building on their knowledge of	children will describe the
		forces in Year 3 children look at	differences in the life cycles of
		forces in greater detail. They will	a mammal, an amphibian, an

		explain that unsupported objects fall towards the earth because of the force gravity acting between the earth and the falling object. Identify the effect of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pullets and gears, allow smaller forces to have greater effect.	insect and a bird in detail. Describe the life processes of reproduction in some plants and animals.
Year 6	Animals, including humans	Living things and habitats	Electricity
	Adding to their knowledge of the digestive system in Year 4, children will 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 lifestyles on the way their bodies function. Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.	Building on their knowledge from classification in Year 4, children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.	Developing their knowledge of electricity from Year 4, children will begin to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Compare and give reasons for variations in how components functions, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram

Light	Evolution and inheritance
Building on their knowledge from Year 4 children will begin to understand and recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light onto the eye. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. Use the ides that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.	This is a new area of learning in science however the children will use their knowledge of rocks from year 3, animals including humans and living things and habitats from across the years. Children will understand and recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossil proves information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Recognise that living thigs produce offspring of some 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.