

Reception

Key Theme:

Yorke Mead Primary School

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Plant, soil, roots, rain, sun, seed, bulb, grow, leaf, flower, trees, acorns, conkers, acorn cups, pinecones, season, habitat,



Italics are suggested ideas to help meet the Learning Intention

Key Vocabulary:

Bold are statutory requirements

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The Natural World	came, neavy light, i	ioat, silik, plastic, wood, metal, labile, paper, me tycle, sta	6c3, pupu, ciii yaaiiia, caterpiiiar, butteriiy,
Grow: cress, lettuce			
Daffoldils (bulbs)			
Previous Learning (N	ursery)	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforce	d	Age Related	Next steps
 Use all their senses in ' 	'hands on'	Explore the Natural world around them, making	Identify and name a variety of common
exploration of natural	materials	observations and drawing pictures of animals	animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles,
 Explore collections of r 	materials with	and plants.	birds and mammals.
similar and/or differen	nt properties	Know some similarities and differences between	
 Talk about what they s 	see using a wide	the natural world around them and contrasting	Identify, name and draw the basic parts of
vocabulary		environments, drawing on their experiences and	the human body.
 Plant seeds and care for 	or growing	what has been read in class	
plants		Understand some important processes and	Notice and describe the differences in the
 Understand the key feature 	atures of the	changes in the natural world around them	trees in our school grounds.
life cycle of a plant <i>(cre</i>		including the seasons and changing states of	
animal (frogs)	·	matter (planting lettuce, planting and exploring	Distinguish between an object and the
 Begin to understand th 	ne need to	daffodil bulbs, life cycle of a butterfly)	material from which it is made. Use
respect and care for th			descriptive language when discussing
environment and all liv		lature walks each half term around the school grounds	materials.
 Explore and talk about 		o use all senses to notice and describe seasonal changes.	
they can feel		lanting winter flowers, discussing what a plant needs to	Identify and name a variety of common wild
 Talk about the differer 	nces between 9	row.	and garden plants, including deciduous and
materials and changes		howing care for the environment. Feeding birds and	evergreen trees.
		vatering plants.	



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Learning about owls (habitat, feeding, attributes) Dissecting owl pellets.

Learning about British woodland animals (habitat, feeding, attributes)

Investigating floating and sinking (making a boat – investigate different materials for boat building.

Observational drawings of plants and flowers.

Lifecycle process (butterflies)

Observational drawings of caterpillars and butterflies. Garden visits to explore growth and change sin seasons. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Working Scientifically:

Finding things that are similar and different (nature walks, materials)

Performing simple tests and using equipment (floating and sinking, pellet dissection)

Talking about what i have done and noticed.

Making simple records of what I notice or how things change (caterpillars, planting lettuce)

Looking closely at things and noticing changes.

Using the senses to observe and look closely.

Being curious and starting to ask questions.

Sorting and matching things.



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Year 1

Key Theme : Plants

Grow: runner beans and broad beans

Key Vocabulary: fruit, bark, branches, trunk, stem, leaves, leaf, seed, flower, petal, roots, bulb, growth, water, sunlight, wild, environment, local, plant

Significant Scientist: Maria Sibylla Merian

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Previous Learning (EYFS)	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforce	d	Age Related	Next steps
Children know about similarities	and differences	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden	Become familiar with common names of flowers,
in relation to places, objects, ma	aterials and living	plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees	examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and
things.		name some common plants	plant structures (including leaves, flowers
 Seasonal nature walks 		name some plants that live in the garden	(blossom), petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk,
		• name some plants that live in the wild - use the field	branches, stem).
		what can you see? Buttercups, daisies, weeds, what can	compare and contrast different plants
		you see growing around the perimeter of the field?	 sequence pictures of how plants changes over
		(bushes, tress some of the bushes contain berries such	time
		as the holly bush and the elder trees, which the birds have	 describe how deciduous trees changes
		eaten and then excreted and caused further trees to	throughout the year
		grow)	 explain why some plants are only seen at
		name some trees in the local environment. <i>In our</i>	certain times of the year
		grounds we have: oaks, hawthorn, ash, silver birch,	
		Laurel, hazel, Horse chestnut. Children could have a key to	
		try and find these trees – working as a class like a	
		scavenger hunt.	







	recognise that different plants live in the local environment	
	use simple identification guides to name plants in the local environment	
	What are seeds? Research	
	What happens to my bean after I have planted it? Observations over time	
	What is a tree and how many different types of trees can you find at Yorke Mead? Identifying and classifying	
They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.	Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Make sketches of the trees in the school grounds, label with scientific language (word banks) e.g. roots, trunk, leaves, branches, stem, blossom, fruit, bulb) know that plants produce seeds: learn that 'if it has seeds, it's a fruit'. Children to sort a range of fruits and	
	vegetables but cutting them in half e.g. cucumber, tomato, apple, pear, pepper etc. Can you talk about and label parts of a flower? Identifying and classifying	
	Who was Maria Sibylla Merian? Research Can we eat all parts of a plant? Observing and	
	classifying	
They talk about the features of their own	Use the local environment throughout the year to	Observe the growth of flowers and vegetables
immediate environment and how environments	explore and answer questions about plants growing in	that they have planted.
might vary from one another.	their habitat (walk the perimeter of the field including	



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forest school: holly bushes (changes in leaves from the bottom of the plant to the top), black ash, oaks, Which flowering plants can you find on our school field can you draw and label them? Identifying and classifying

Working Scientifically: observing closely, perhaps using magnifying glasses, and comparing and contrasting familiar plants; describing how they were able to identify and group them, and drawing diagrams showing the parts of different plants including trees. Pupils might keep records of how plants have changed over time, for example the leaves falling off trees and buds opening; and compare and contrast what they have found out about different plants. Plant, grow and observe runner beans and broad beans - paper made house with a plastic bag attached with the bean inside it. The children then fill in a diary to describe ours progress.

Year 1 Key Theme : Animals including	Key Vocabulary: human, animal, plant, meat, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird, mammal, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore. Senses: sight, sound, touch, smell, taste Significant Scientist: Chester Greenwood		
humans			
Previous Learning (EYFS)	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities	
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps	
Children know about similarities and	Identify and name a variety of common animals including	Describe differences between the different	
differences in relation to places, objects,	fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals	animal groups (e.g. birds have feathers but	
materials and living things.	Pupils should become familiar with the common names of	mammals have fur)	
- Animal habitats	some fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including	Identify animals which are more likely to be	
 Animal patterns and prints 	those that are kept as pets.	seen in different seasons	
- Seasonal nature walks	*Visit from a pet.	Explain why some animals are only seen at night	
- Self care / hygiene	What are the five animal groups? (identifying and classifying)		
- Sports day: bodies	How can I sort the animals in the zoo? (Identifying and		
	classifying)		
	Can I name the animal and say which animal group it belongs		
	to? (visit from Jungle Juniors) (Identifying and classifying)		





They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. - Animal patterns and prints - Seasonal nature walks - Woodland animals - Life cycles - Minibeasts	Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores Minibeast hunt in the school grounds identify the food of some common animals What is a herbivore, omnivore and carnivore? (identifying and classifying)	group animals that belong to: carnivores, herbivores and omnivores Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat. (see fox trails around the perimeter of the field, badger sets on the edge of forest school). They should understand how to take care of animals taken from their local environment and the need to return them safely after study.
	Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) Do different animals have the same features? (identifying and classifying)	Pupils identify ways in which an animal is suited to its environment (for example, a fish having fins to help it swim).
	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. *senses afternoon (linked to mindful tasting) •compare differences in texture, sounds and smells •name and locate the basic parts of the human body •draw and label a simple body outline Can I label the different parts of the human body? (identifying and classifying) Do people with bigger hands also have bigger feet? (comparative testing)	Pupils can name the five senses and the part of the body they are related to. They can explain how they use each of their senses and how they keep them safe.



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How can I use my senses to investigate? (identifying and classifying) (Include herbs to explore for touch, smell and taste – this will be built upon in Y2)
Which eye colour is most common in our class? (comparative testing)
Does wearing something over my ears stop me from hearing? (comparative testing)

Working Scientifically: Pupils might work scientifically by: using their observations to compare and contrast animals at first hand or through videos and photographs, describing how they identify and group them; grouping animals according to what they eat; and using their senses to compare different textures, sounds and smells.

Year 1 Key Theme : everyday materials	Key Vocabulary: hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy; waterproof/not waterproof; absorbent/not absorbent; opaque/transparent. Significant Scientist: Charles Macintosh	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Children know about similarities and differences in	Distinguish between an object and the material	Pupils describe things that are similar and
relation to places, objects, materials and living things.	from which it is made	different between materials.
They talk about the features of their own immediate	Pupils should explore, name, discuss and raise and	
environment and how environments might vary from	answer questions about everyday materials so that	Describe and compare the properties of
one another. They make observations of animals and	they become familiar with the names of materials	everyday materials.
plants and explain why some things occur, and talk	and properties such as: hard/soft; stretchy/stiff;	
about changes.	shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy;	
	waterproof/not waterproof; absorbent/not	
	absorbent; opaque/transparent.	
	•Identify some naturally occurring materials: wood,	
	rock, water	







Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. Adults will have: helped children to notice and discuss patterns around them, e.g. rubbings from grates, covers, or bricks.	 Identify some man-made materials: glass, metal, plastic What is the difference between and object and a material? Identifying and classifying Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock identify some properties of materials (e.g. see through, waterproof, absorbent) What is a material and what are their properties? Identifying and classifying 	Pupils should explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials, not only those listed in the programme of study, but including for example: brick, paper, fabrics, elastic, foil. Name materials which have lots of different uses (e.g. paper- wrapping paper, tissue paper, writing paper, birthday card) Names objects that are sometimes made from different materials (e.g.: spoons- plastic, wooden, metal)
	Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials Which materials are natural and which materials are man-made? Research	Pupils explain what happens to certain materials when they are heated or cooled, for example, bread, ice, chocolate, jelly, heated chocolate.
	Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties (both visible and non-visible) Which materials are magnetic? Comparative testing How could I sort the objects and why? Identifying and classifying Which materials are most absorbent? Comparative testing	make predictions about which materials will float and sink Describe objects that are made from lots of different materials Explain why people started using plastic bags rather than paper bags



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Which objects float and which objects sink and why? Comparative testing

Working Scientifically: performing simple tests to explore questions, for example: 'What is the best material for an umbrella? ... for lining a dog basket? ... for curtains? ... for a bookshelf? ... for a gymnast's leotard?'

Year 1 Key Theme: Seasonal Changes THIS WILL BE TAUGHT OVER THREE SESSIONS ONCE EACH SEASON.	Key Vocabulary: Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy, foggy) Seasons (winter, summer, spring, autumn) Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length rain gauge, temperature, degrees Celsius, rainfall, millilitres Investigating: observe, measure, record, changes	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.	Observe changes across the 4 seasons Pupils should observe and talk about changes in the weather and the seasons Use descriptive words, photos and pictures to record changes: children to stand in front of the tree by the forest school sheds. Take a photo in autumn, winter, spring and summer: make comparisons. •identify what to observe •collect evidence of changes (e.g. leaves, seeds, flowers) What signs of autumn can I see? Identifying and classifying What is winter? Identifying and classifying What happens in spring? Identifying and classifying How do we know it is summer time (including animals that we might see)? Pattern seeking	Explain why animals are easier to spot at different times of year (e.g. migrating birds, hibernating animals)







	How does the oak tree change over time? Observing over time.	
Children know about similarities and differences in	Observe and describe weather associated with the	Use secondary data to describe weather in
relation to places, objects, materials and living things.	seasons and how day length varies	another setting
They talk about the features of their own immediate	Pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look	
environment and how environments might vary from	directly at the sun, even when wearing dark glasses.	
one another. They make observations of animals and	How can I observe weather in each of the four	
plants and explain why some things occur, and talk	seasons? Observing over time.	
about changes.	Which day was the wettest? (Autumn) Comparative	
	testing	
	In which season does it rain the most? Pattern	
	seeking	
	How does day length vary across the four seasons?	
	Pattern seeking	

Working Scientifically: making tables and charts about the weather; and making displays of what happens in the world around them, including day length, as the seasons change.

Year 2 Summer 2 Key Theme: Plants -	Key Vocabulary: Roots, stem, seed, bulb, leaf, flower, grain, fruit, gerr	ninate, life cycle, life process, healthy
Red onions (bulbs) Sunflowers (seeds)	Investigate: compare, observe, predict, diagram, measure Significant Scientist:	
	David Attenborough – the private life of plants – video	
	iPlayer (select relevant parts e.g. environment beneat	h a tree changing over the year)
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities







To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Identify and name a variety of common wild and	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow	Explain how to look after a variety of plants
garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen	into mature plants	Compare the plant cycle for a plant from a seed
trees	Explore how plants from seeds and bulbs grow	with that from a bulb
	Describe what happens to bulbs during the plant	
	cycle as they grow	Know that a seed and bulb both contain
	Describe what happens to a seed as it grows and	everything a plant needs to grow
	develops	
	Describe what they observe as new plants grow	
	How can you group the seeds and bulbs and can	
	you draw and label them? Identifying and	
	classifying	
	How does an onion bulb change over time?	
	Observations over time	
	How do the branches of a tree shapes during each	
	How do the branches of a tree change during each season? Observations over time	
	Season: Observations over time	
	How does a dandelion change over time? Research	
Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of	Find out and describe how plants need water, light	Explain that seeds and bulbs do not need light
common flowering plants, including trees.	and a suitable temperature to grow and stay	to germinate and identify how this is different
	healthy	to the needs of a plant
Y1 – children grew runner beans and broad beans.	Note: Seeds and bulbs need water to grow but most	
	do not need light; seeds and bulbs have a store of	
	food inside them	
	Suggest how to find out about what plants need in	
	order to grow well	
	Recognise that plants are living and need water, light	
	and warmth to grow	







	Describe differences between plants grown in the light and in the dark What do plants need to grow and stay healthy? Research Which condition will grow the tallest sunflower? Comparative testing	
	Pupils should be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants.	Explain how plants in the desert survive with little water and plants in the rainforest survive with little light
Use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat	Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to observe how different plants grow. Walk the perimeter of the school field, what do you notice about the growth of the grass? Is it all the same colour (no, it has grown in zones) Why are no plants or grass growing under that tree / bush? (limited light). Observe buds growing on the trees during the winter months of January, February e.g. horse chestnut: red buds, Ash: black buds, Oak: fingers of buds, beech: as well as during the spring and summer months. Similar to Y1, children could stand at the same spot e.g. around a tree and an area of growth and compare throughout the 4 seasons.	Use evidence and record how different plants grow. Use scientific language to compare places or seasons.

Working Scientifically: observe and record, with some accuracy, the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed or bulb, or observe similar plants at different stages of growth; setting up a comparative test to show that plants need light and water to stay healthy.

Seed: sunflower bulb: Red onions as these can be planted in May time





Year 2 Autumn 1 and Spring 2 Key Theme: Animals including humans – Growth and Survival (Large unit so taught across two half terms)	Key Vocabulary: mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, gills, hatchling, chick, Offspring, Pregnancy, baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, elderly, Egg, spawn, tadpole; caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; lamb, sheep Hygiene, lungs, exercise Survival: water, food, air Significant Scientist: Florence Nightingale Rachel Carson	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals Y1	Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They should also be introduced to the processes of reproduction and growth in animals. The focus at this stage should be on questions that help pupils to recognise growth; they should not be expected to understand how reproduction occurs. The following examples might be used: egg, chick, chicken; egg, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; spawn, tadpole, frog; lamb, sheep. Growing into adults can include reference to baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult. describe some differences they observe between babies and toddler Explain that adult animals no longer grow Make comparisons of the differences they observe between babies and toddlers Do animals, including humans, change into adults in the same way? (research) Which offspring belongs to which animal? (identifying and classifying) What are the differences between babies and toddlers? (research)	Use evidence to show that adult animals no longer grow Use evidence to show that children of the same age are not all the same size Use evidence to show that older children are generally taller than younger children







Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores Y1	Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) What do animals and humans need to survive? (research) Can older children run faster than younger children? (Comparative testing) OR Are older children in Y2 taller? (Pattern seeking)	Explain how to look after a pet describing what it needs to survive
Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) Y1	TAUGHT IN LATER TERM Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene Identify some types of food that make up their diet and name some examples of each Describe some of the types of food that they eat What are the different food groups? (research) What do you need in a healthy diet and why? (research) What do you need to do to look after a pet dog/cat/lizard and keep it healthy? (research) How did Florence Nightingale use food to help soldiers in the Crimean War? (research) Can older children run faster than younger children? Comparative testing OR	To create a meal or exercise plan for a human to complete.
Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. *senses afternoon (linked to mindful tasting) EYFS/Y1		



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Working Scientifically: Pupils might work scientifically by: observing, through video or first-hand observation and measurement, how different animals, including humans, grow; asking questions about what things animals need for survival and what humans need to stay healthy; and <u>suggesting ways to find answers to their questions.</u>

Year 2 Autumn 2 Key Theme: Uses of everyday materials	Key Vocabulary: Identify, materials, wood, plastic, glass, metal, rock, brick, paper, cardboard, uses, used, properties, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, shiny, dull, rough, smooth, bendy, not bendy, absorbent, non-absorbent, waterproof, not waterproof, transparent, opaque, classify, group, similar Significant Scientist – Revise Charles Macintosh (Y1) John McAdam – smooth road surface	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses Pupils should identify and discuss the uses of different everyday materials so that they become familiar with how some materials are used for more than one thing (metal can be used for coins, cans, cars and table legs; wood can be used for matches, floors, and telegraph poles) or different materials are used for the same thing (spoons can be made from plastic, wood, metal, but not normally from glass). What is the object and why is it made from this material? Identifying and classifying Can some materials be used for more than one thing? Research How have materials we use over time changed? Research (make links to John Mcadam – tarmac)	Explain why plastics cause problems in the oceans Explain the importance of reusing and recycling plastic



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Identify and name a variety of everyday	Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some	Explain why some materials change shape
materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal,	materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and	when a force acts (i.e. push, pull, twist,
water, and rock	stretching	stretch) as a result of their properties
	Describe changes in shapes as a result of the action of pushes, pulls	Explain why one material may be more
	and twists	suitable for a purpose than another by
	Which objects can be bent, squashed, twisted and stretched and	discussing properties
	why? Comparative testing	Describe how swimsuits have changed over
		time and how the fabric is now more
	They should think about the properties of materials that make them	suitable
	suitable or unsuitable for particular purposes and they should be	Pupils might find out about people who have
	encouraged to think about unusual and creative uses for everyday	developed useful new materials, for example
	materials.	John Dunlop, John McAdam.
	Which materials would be best for Santa's sleigh? Comparative	
	testing	

Working Scientifically: comparing the uses of everyday materials in and around the school with materials found in other places (at home, the journey to school, on visits, and in stories, rhymes and songs); observing closely, identifying and classifying the uses of different materials, and recording their observations.

Year 2 Spring 1 and Summer 1 Key Theme: Living Things and their habitats (Large unit so taught across two half terms)	Key Vocabulary: Life process, living, non-living, dead, never alive, movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion, nutrition, habitat, conditions, survive, urban, woodland, pond, coast, coastal, minibeast, microhabitat, enquiry, survey, adaptation Significant Scientist: Prem Singh Gill	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
From EYFS:	Explore and compare the differences between things that	To give scientific explanations as to why things are
Children know about similarities and differences	are living, dead, and things that have never been alive	living, dead or never alive.
in relation to places, objects, materials and		To compare characteristics between living, non-
living things. They talk about the features of		living and dead things.





their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.	Pupils should be introduced to the idea that all living things have certain characteristics that are essential for keeping them alive and healthy. Explain differences between living and non-living things in terms of characteristics such as movement and growth They should raise and answer questions that help them to become familiar with the life processes that are common to all living things. How would you group things to show which are living, dead, or have never been alive? Identifying and classifying	To apply these ideas to real life.
	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 Pupils should be introduced to the terms 'habitat' (a natural environment or home of a variety of plants and animals) and 'microhabitat' (a very small habitat, for example for woodlice under stones, logs or leaf litter). What is a habitat and which plants and animals would I find there? Identifying and classifying How does a cactus survive in a desert with no water? Research	Pupils should compare animals in familiar habitats with animals found in less familiar habitats, for example, on the seashore, in woodland, in the ocean, in the rainforest. Can give key features that mean the animal or plant is suited to its micro- habitat Can explain in simple terms why an animal or plant is suited to a habitat. For example, the caterpillar cannot live under the soil like a worm as it needs fresh leaves to eat; the seaweed we found on the beach cannot live in our pond because it is not salty.
	Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. They should raise and answer questions about the local environment that help them to identify and study a variety of plants and animals within their habitat	Compare animals found in familiar habitats with unfamiliar habitats compare plants found in familiar habitats with unfamiliar habitats





 With help, <u>use keys</u> to identify some animals and plants Recognise that different plants live in the local environment E.G. walk around the school site. Ask what grows at the bottom of tree: why no grass? (Lack of light), some plants are beginning to grow (adaptation – they're happy). Red Dead Nettles (do not sting) have a square, hollow stem – why do you think this is? (a good platform for alternative leaves). Recognise similarities and differences between plants and animals and differences between plants and animals and differences between plants and animals Describe the simple features of habitats Recognise a microhabitat as a small habitat (e.g. leaf litter, woodlice under stones) Describe some microhabitats How would you group these plants and animals based on what habitat you would find them in? Identifying and classifying What is a micro habitat, what might I find there and why? Identifying and classifying How does the habitat of the Arctic compare with the habitat of the rainforest? Research 	Use different factors to compare a range of habitats (e.g. water, light, temperature)
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 Construct a simple food chain (e.g. grass, cow, human). Around the perimeter of the field there are many different types of bushes and trees. E.g. elderberries and holly. Why do	To make a food chain using living things from the field that they have seen.



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you think they are here? Link to food chain: birds eating berries → excreting → plants grow → elderberries / holly. Suggest reasons why different plants and animals are found in the different environments Observe how living things depend on each other, for example, plants serving as a source of food and shelter for animals. What is a food chain and how could I use one to show how animals get their food from plants and other animals? Research Do we have examples of food chains in our school environment and why is each part of the chain important? Identifying and classifying	
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Working Scientifically: sorting and classifying things according to whether they are living, dead or were never alive, and recording their findings using charts. They should describe how they decided where to place things, exploring questions like: 'Is a flame alive? Is a deciduous tree dead in winter?' and talk about ways of answering their questions. They could construct a simple food chain that includes humans (eg, grass, cow, human). They could describe the conditions in different habitats and microhabitats (under log, on stony path, under bushes); and find out how the conditions affect the number and type(s) of plants and animals that live there

Year 3 Key Theme: Plants – investigating plants Tomato seedlings and sunflowers (seed dispersal)	Key Vocabulary: flower, leaf, seed, stem, roots, petal, pollen, life cycle, dispersal, pollination, fertilisation, germination, ovary, ovule, sepal, stamen, anther, filament, stigma, style Significant scientists: A Scientist Just Like Me: Kelsey Byers an Evolutionary Biologist David Attenborough – Green Planet (film clips)	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of	Pupils can be introduced to the idea that plants can
grow into mature plants Y2	flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.	make their own food, but at this stage they do not
		need to understand how this happens



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Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy Y2

- Pupils should be introduced to the relationship between structure and function: the idea that every part has a job to do.
- They should explore questions that <u>focus on the role of the</u> <u>roots and stem in nutrition and support, leaves for nutrition</u> and flowers for reproduction.
- Describe why healthy roots and a healthy stem are needed for plants to grow
- Recognise that the leaves of a plant are associated with healthy growth and more specifically nutrition

Visit the school field and in particular to the tree next to the forest school sheds. The trunk has twisted to support the weight of the branches which have grown to one side (like carrying all of your shopping in one hand). There is also an example of this in the Nursery/Reception garden.

Nettles have square stems to gather more nutrients and to have a stronger structure.

Flowers are colourful to attract insects. What are the 5 colours of flowers? (blue, red, yellow, white and most common: green).

All flowers are there to reproduce. All seeds come from flowers.

Using flower heads, pull apart, gently, to reveal the structure including the pollen on the anthers.

What are the functions of the different parts of a flowering plant? Identification and classification

- Explain why healthy roots and a healthy stem are needed for plants to grow
- Explain that differences in plant growth are due to the amount of light and/or water



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Find out and describe how plants need water,	Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air,	
light and a suitable temperature to grow and	light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how	
stay healthy	they vary from plant to plant	
Note: Seeds and bulbs need water to grow but	know that fertilisers contain minerals	
most do not need light; seeds and bulbs have a	understand that plants absorb minerals from the soil	
store of food inside them	(Teacher Note: plants create their own food using sunlight,	
Y1 – Children grew runner beans and broad	water and carbon dioxide, they do not absorb food from the	
beans	soil)	
Y2 – Children grew red onions from a bulb and	•describe how changes to light and fertiliser affect plant	
a sunflower from a seed	growth	
	Tomato seedlings and sunflowers (seed dispersal-see	
	objective below). The Children could also grow snapdragons	
	or sweetpeas.	
	How do flowers in a vase change over time? Observations	
	over time	
	Which conditions does a tomato seedling need to grow?	
	Comparative testing	
	(Have a control plant. Each group could choose which	
	condition they are going to take away e.g. light, water,	
	warmth, air, soil; observe over a few week; compare with	
	other groups)	
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	Does a cactus need the same conditions to grow as a tomato	
	seedling and why? Research	
Pupils should use the local environment	Investigate the way in which water is transported within	Compare the roots of different plants (e.g. desert
throughout the year to observe how different	plants	plants or rainforest tree. Teacher Note: rainforest
plants grow.	• describe how the stem has a role in support and nutrition	trees have very shallow roots as the quality of the

(transport of water) White Carnations







How does the length of the carnation stem affect how long it takes for the food colouring to dye the petals? Fair testing	soil is more and most of the nutrients are near the surface)
Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. • describe why plants need flowers • describe the role of bees and insects in pollination • describe how pollen and seeds are dispersed Horse chestnut (in January – see video). It has its flowers ready in December but won't open up until march. Protected by a hard sticky shell to stop animals from eating them before they flower. Why do plants need flowers? Research	Compare methods of seed dispersal

Working Scientifically: compare the effect of different factors on plant growth, for example, the amount of light, the amount of fertiliser; discovering how seeds are formed by observing the different stages of plant life cycles over a period of time; looking for patterns in the structure of fruits that relate to how the seeds are dispersed. They might observe how water is transported in plants, for example, by putting cut, white carnations into coloured water and observing how water travels up the stem to the flowers.

Year 3 Key Theme: Animals including humans	Key vocabulary: nutrients, nutritious, carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, fats, minerals, water, fibre Skeleton, bones, joints, endoskeleton, exoskeleton, hydrostatic skeleton, vertebrates, invertebrates, muscles, contract, relax Significant Scientist: Marie Curie	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps



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Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) Y2 Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene Y2	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. • name the components of a healthy and varied diet • describe how their diet is balanced How can we group the food that we eat? (revision – sorting and classifying) How much food from each food group should humans eat to stay healthy and why? (research) Do animals and humans need to eat the same nutrients? research	See working scientifically. • describe an adequate and varied diet for humans, recognising that there are many ways of achieving this • describe the role of different food groups • compare and contrast diets of animals including pets
Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. Y2	Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. • describe some observable characteristics of bones • describe the main functions of their skeletons • state that movement depends on both skeleton and muscles • state that when one muscle contracts another relaxes Which animals are vertebrates and which animals are invertebrates and why? Identifying and classifying What are the main functions of my skeleton? Research How do the skeletons of different animals compare? Identifying and classifying What are muscles and why do we need them? Research What happens when I bend my arm? Research How does the angle that your elbow/knee is bent affect the circumference of your upper arm/thigh? fair testing	Describe some advantages of having an internal skeleton over no skeleton or an exoskeleton Describe problems associated with broken bones or bones diseases They should be introduced to the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles, finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.

Working Scientifically: identifying and grouping animals with and without skeletons and observing and comparing their movement; exploring ideas about what would happen if humans did not have skeletons. They might compare and contrast the diets of different animals (including their pets) and decide ways of grouping them according to what they eat. They might research different food groups and how they keep us healthy, and design meals based on what they find out.







Year 3 Key Theme: Rocks LINK WITH GEOGRAPHY	Key Vocabulary: Rock, natural, man-made, igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary, fossils, living things, soil, compression, environment, organic, hard / soft, permeable/impermeable, density, durable, erosion, weathering Significant scientist: Mary Anning	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Identify and compare the suitability of a	Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the	relate the simple physical properties of some
variety of everyday materials, including	basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.	rocks to their formation
wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper	Linked with work in geography, pupils should explore different kinds	explain how a model (e.g. biscuits, chocolate
and cardboard for particular uses (y2)	of rocks and soils, including those in the local environment • classify rocks from the evidence of investigations	bars) can be used to represent sedimentary,
	explain that rocks are used for different purposes	metamorphic and igneous rocks
	dependent on their physical properties	
	explain that different types of rock react differently to	
	physical forces (e.g. water, rubbing)	
	Use the grounds to spot rocks where are they? Are the natural	
	or man- made?	
	How could you group the rocks? Identifying and classifying	
	Can you use the identification key to find out the name of	
	each of the rocks in your collection? Identifying and classifying	
	How could you test the properties of different rocks?	
	Comparative testing	
	Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things	Describe how Mary Anning discovered fossils
	that have lived are trapped within rock	explain why we do not see the soft parts of
	What are fossils and how are they formed? Research	animals in fossils
	(Who was Mary Anning?)	
	Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	Explain why we might find lots of the same types
	Linked with work in geography, pupils should explore different kinds	of rock in one place
	of rocks and soils, including those in the local environment	



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Recognise that soil contains dead plants and animals Recognise that there is rock under all surfaces and that soils come from rocks What is soil made from and is all soil the same? Comparative testing How could you sort the soil? Identifying and classifying Which examples of rocks can we find in our school grounds and local environment? Identifying and classifying	 explain why certain rocks are used for different purposes and why some rocks could be used for these jobs for example: Marble- kitchen worktops or statues Slate roof tiles Granite walls
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Working Scientifically: observing rocks, including those used in buildings and gravestones, and exploring how and why they might have changed over time; using a hand lens or microscope to help them to identify and classify rocks according to whether they have grains or crystals, and whether they have fossils in them. Pupils might research and discuss the different kinds of living things whose fossils are found in sedimentary rock and explore how fossils are formed. Pupils could explore different soils and identify similarities and differences between them and investigate what happens when rocks are rubbed together or what changes occur when they are in water. They can raise and answer questions about the way soils are formed.

Year 3 Key Theme: Forces and Magnets	Key vocabulary: force, push, pull, friction, surface, magnet, magnetic, magnetic field, pole, north, south, attract, repel, compass Significant scientist: William Gilbert	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Identify and name a variety of everyday	Compare how things move on different surfaces	Produce annotated drawings showing the
materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal,	Describe how to make a familiar objects start moving by	direction of force needed to make an object
water, and rock (Y1)	pushing or pulling	move and the other forces which impact the
	Describe how to use pushes and pulls to make familiar objects	object (friction, gravity, air resistance, magnetic
	speed up, slow down, change direction or shape	force)
	Produce annotated drawings showing the direction of force	
	needed to make an object move	
	Describe some ways in which friction between solid surfaces	
	can be increased or decreased	





	What is a force? Identifying and classifying Does a toy car change speed when travelling on different surfaces and why? Comparative testing How does the mass of an object affect how much force is needed to make it move? Comparative testing	
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) Pupils should identify and discuss the uses of different everyday materials so that they become familiar with how some materials are used for more than one thing (metal can be used for coins, cans, cars and table legs; wood can be used for matches, floors, and telegraph poles) or different materials are used for the same thing (spoons can be made from plastic, wood, metal, but not normally from glass).	Notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance (for example, opening a door, pushing a swing) - recall that magnets have a north and a south pole Does the size and shape of a magnet affect how strong it is? Pattern Seeking	
	Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others • describe the difference between a magnet and a magnetic material • describe what happens when some materials are put near a magnet What is a magnet and what is a magnetic material? (Who was William Gilbert?)	Explain that a compass works by lining up with the Earth's magnetic field







Identifying and classifying	
Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials They should explore the behaviour and everyday uses of different magnets (for example, bar, ring, button and horseshoe). Describe the difference between a magnet and a magnetic material Describe what happens when some materials are put near a magnet What happens when some materials are put near to a magnet? Comparative testing	Describe some everyday uses of magnets
Describe magnets as having 2 poles Recall that magnets have a north and a south pole Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other,	Describe how lodestone was found to be a naturally occurring magnet and was used as the first compass for navigation
depending on which poles are facing Describe the direction of forces between magnets What happens when you put two magnets together? Pattern Seeking	

Working Scientifically: comparing how different things move and grouping them; raising questions and carrying out tests to find out how far things move on different surfaces, and gathering and recording data to find answers to their questions; exploring the strengths of different magnets and finding a fair way to compare them; sorting materials into those that are magnetic and those that are not; looking for patterns in the way that magnets behave in relation to each other and what might affect this, for example, the strength of the magnet or which pole faces another; identifying how these properties make magnets useful in everyday items and suggesting creative uses for different magnets.







Year 3	Key Vocabulary : light, source, dark, shadows, reflect, visible, sun, opaque, absence, bounce, mirror, ray,	
Key Theme: Light	beam, glare, pupil, retina, travel, straight, translucent, transparent, block	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
EYFS: puppet shadows	Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light • describe and compare some light sources • state that light sources are seen when light from them enters the eyes • explain that places are dark because there is no light and a light source is needed to help us see in such places	Describe how nocturnal animals are adapted to use what little light there is or their other senses in the dark (e.g. cats, aye-aye, lemurs)
	Why is light and dark important? (Research)	
Y1: Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies Pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the sun, even when wearing dark glasses.	Notice that light is reflected from surfaces Should explore what happens when light reflects off a mirror or other reflective surfaces, including playing mirror games to help them to answer questions about how light behaves. E.g. • demonstrate light travelling using a torch and record light bouncing off a mirror • identify suitable reflective clothing for travelling in the dark • explain that they cannot see shiny objects in the dark because there are no light sources What happens when light is reflected from surfaces? (pattern seeking)	Describe how Percy Shaw invented cat's eyes and explain their importance to road safety



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Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes They should think about why it is important to protect their eyes from bright lights. Note: pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the sun, even when wearing dark glasses. How is light from the sun dangerous? How can we protect our eyes? (Research)	Using scientific vocabulary, design a product that could be used to protect their eyes from the sun, using their understanding of how light travels and materials that could be used.
Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object They should look for, and measure, shadows, and find out how they are formed and what might cause the shadows to change e.g. • recognise that shadows are similar in shape to the objects forming them • explain that shadows are formed when light from a source is blocked • state that even transparent objects block some light and form shadows • describe the difference in shadows cast by opaque, translucent and transparent materials • explore how to make shadows of different shapes and sizes Which materials block light to form shadows? (Comparison & fair testing)	Use ideas about shadows to make predictions about the shadows formed by different objects or materials
Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change What happens when shadows change size? (Pattern seeking) at happens to shadows when the light source moves or the dista	Describe how the length of a shadow changes throughout the day as the sun moves across the sky

Working Scientifically: looking for patterns in what happens to shadows when the light source moves or the distance between the light source and the object changes.





Year 4 Key Theme: Living things and their habitats (taught over two half terms – large unit of work)	Key Vocabulary: organism, variation, classification (insect, mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish) invertebrate, vertebrates, global, local, characteristic, key, habitat, environment, wildlife, endangered, extinct, conservation Significant scientist: Watch film clips from the BBC, steve backsaw etc such as Blue Planet.	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Explore and compare the differences between	Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of	Explain why it is necessary to use a reasonably
things that are living, dead, and things that have	ways	large sample when investigating the
never been alive Y2	Explore possible ways of grouping a wide selection of living things that include animals and flowering plants and non-flowering plants. Pupils could begin to put vertebrate animals into groups such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; and invertebrates into snails and slugs, worms, spiders, and insects. Note: Plants can be grouped into categories such as flowering plants (including grasses) and non-flowering plants, such as ferns and mosses. How can I classify living things? Identifying and classifying How many different ways can you sort the animals? Identifying and classifying	preferences of small invertebrates







	How do we know which trees we have in our school grounds? Identifying and classifying	
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 Y2	Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment - Describe some of the characteristics of the vertebrate (fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds) groups (e.g. warm-blooded, have fur, lay eggs) What can you find in a habitat in our school grounds? Identifying and classifying Can we use a classification key to identify all living things that we saw in our chosen habitat? Identifying and classifying	Explain why some animals are hard to classify (e.g. platypus, echidna, bat, flightless birds)
Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. Y2	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Identify how the habitat changes throughout the year Explore examples of human impact (both positive and negative) on environments, for example, the positive effects of nature reserves, ecologically planned parks, or garden ponds, and the negative effects of population and development, litter or deforestation • explain that different organisms are found in different habitats because of differences in environmental factors Why are people cutting down the rainforests and what effect does that have? Research	Describe how humans have negatively impacted environments (e.g. pollution, deforestation, introduction of invasive species)



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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 Y2	Use the local environment throughout the year to raise and answer questions that help them to identify and study plants and animals in their habitat. How can you keep a careful record of living things found in different habitats throughout the year? (diagrams, tally charts etc.) Observing over time	To produce their own means of recording their observations, including photographs, annotated sketches and linking to scientific research.
Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive Y2	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey (Teacher Note: statement moved from NC 'Animals including humans' to improve progression within topics) - recognise that green plants are the ultimate source of food for all animals - recognise that a food chain must always start with a green plant (a producer) - represent feeding relationships within a habitat with food chains beginning with a green plant which 'produces' food for the other organisms - use and understand the terms: producer, predator and prey - know the function of some of the more complex features which aid survival in specific habitats (e.g. gills, blubber, camouflage) - describe why different animals and plants live in different habitats Does a food chain always have to begin with a green plant? Research	Use food chains to predict what might happen to the numbers of an organism if there are suddenly more predators or less prey

Working Scientifically

Use and make <u>simple guides or keys</u> to explore and identify local plants and animals; making a guide to local living things; raising and answering questions based on their observations of animals and what they have found out about other animals that they have researched.







Year 4	Key Vocabulary: amplitude, volume, quiet, loud, ear, pitch, high, low, particles, instrument, wave,	
Key Theme : Sound	sound, travel, vibrations <u>Significant Scientists:</u> Isaac Newton (Mathematician & Physicist who measured the speed of sound)	
	Aristotle (Philosopher who developed the concept that	it sound travels through air due to the movement
Description Learning	of air particles)	Fortunation One outside
Previous Learning To be reinforced	Core Learning Intentions Age Related	Extension Opportunities
Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the	Identify how sounds are made, associating some of	Next steps To draw annotated diagrams
human body and say which part of the body is	them with something vibrating	To draw annotated diagrams
associated with each sense. Y1	Explore and identify the way sound is made through	Group instruments independently by the way
*senses afternoon (linked to mindful tasting)	vibration in a range of different musical instruments	sounds are produced
•compare differences in texture, sounds and smells	from around the world:	
	identify what is vibrating in a range of musical	
	instruments	
	• generalise that sounds are produced when objects vibrate	
	describe how sounds are generated by specific	
	objects	
	suggest ways of producing sounds	
	How are sounds made? Research	
	Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel	•Recognise that sounds travel through solids,
	through a medium to the ear	water and air
	Can sound travel through solids, liquids and gases? Research	 Explore how sound travels through a variety of materials
	Research	materials



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Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it Is there a pattern between the object or instrument and the pitch of sound that it can make? Pattern Seeking	Describe ways in which the pitch of a sound made by a particular instrument or vibrating object can be raised or lowered
Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it suggest how to change the loudness of the sounds produced by a range of musical instruments How can you change the volume of an instrument? Comparative testing	Identify suitable materials to use for sound insulation
Find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways. • distinguish between pitch and volume (loudness) • know that altering vibrations alters the pitch or volume • explore how to vary the pitch and volume of sounds from a variety of objects or instruments	Generalise the effects of changes on sound (e.g. the tighter the tension the higher the pitch)
Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. describe what they observe when they move further away from the source of a sound How does the volume of a drum change as you move further away from it? Fair testing (use a data logger to record decibels)	 Recognise that sound can be reflected from a surface which can cause an echo Describe how some animals use echolocation

Working Scientifically:

Find patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or elastic bands of different thicknesses. They might make earmuffs from a variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound. They could make and play their own instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume.





Year 4 Key Theme : Electricity	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> electricity, neutrons, protons, electrons, nucleus, atom, electric current, appliances, mains, crocodile clip, wires, bulb, bulb holder, battery (cell), battery holder, motor, buzzer, switch, electrical conductor, electrical insulator.		
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities	
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps	
Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of	Identify common appliances that run on electricity	What is electricity? What does electricity	
everyday materials, including wood, metal,	What common appliances run on electricity?	produce? (Light, sound, movement and	
plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. Children have explored what metal		heat.) Can the children produce their own fact file or quiz?	
is used for e.g. coins, cans, cars. However, they		ract me or quiz:	
have not explored 'electricity'. Y2			
	Construct a simple series electrical circuit,	Are methodical in tracing faults in simple	
	identifying and naming its basic parts, including	circuits	
	cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers		
	Pupils should construct simple series circuits, trying		
	different components, for example, bulbs, buzzers		
	and motors, and including switches, and use their		
	circuits to create simple devices		
	Draw the circuit as a <u>pictorial representation</u> ,		
	not necessarily using conventional circuit		
	symbols at this stage; these will be introduced in		
	year 6.		
	 Make circuits from drawings provided What does a simple series electrical circuit look like? 		
	(Research)		





	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 • describe the effect of making and breaking one of the contacts on a circuit • explain why some circuits work and others do not Will a lamp light in a simple series circuit? (Pattern seeking)	Set up their own series of enquiries that explore electrical circuits and various effects.	
	Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit • describe how switches work • construct a home-made switch How does a switch open and does this impact a lamp lighting in a simple series circuit? (Pattern seeking)	Are methodical in tracing and correcting faults.	
	Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. construct simple circuits and use them to test whether materials are electrical conductors or insulators Which metals make good conductors? (Comparative testing)	 relate knowledge about conductors and insulators to their use in electrical appliances describe the use of conductors and insulators in components including connecting wires identify graphite and playdough as nonmetal conductors and explain why this is unusual 	
Working Scientifically: observe patterns, for example and that some materials can and some cannot be use	Note: Pupils might use the terms current and voltage, but these should not be introduced or defined formally at this stage. Pupils should be taught about precautions for working safely with electricity. xample, that bulbs get brighter if more cells are added, that metals tend to be conductors of electricity, be used to connect across a gap in a circuit.		





Year 4 Key Theme : Animals including humans Teeth and Digestion	Key Vocabulary: digestive system, teeth, tongue, mouth, oesophagus, stomach, gall bladder, small intestine, pancreas, rectum, anus, large intestine, liver, duodenum; Teeth, tooth, canine, incisor, molar, premolar; Producer, consumer, predator, prey Significant Scientist: William Beaumont (digestive system) Washington & Lucius (tooth paste)	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
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. Y3	Age Related Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans for example: mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, and small and large intestine • describe the role of each organ in the digestive system • Explore questions that help them to understand their special functions What is the digestive system and what are the basic parts? Identifying and classifying Which organs are part of the digestive system and what do they do? Research	Explain why food needs to be broken down
Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. Y3 • describe some observable characteristics of bones • describe the main functions of their skeletons	Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions • describe the role of each type of teeth in digestion • explain how they should look after their teeth and recognise why they need to do so	Explain why humans do not have a full set of adult teeth at birth explain why dentists are concerned about the amount of sugar children have





 state that movement depends on both skeleton and muscles state that when one muscle contracts another relaxes 	How can we organise teeth into groups? Identifying and classifying What is the role of each type of tooth? Research Why and how do I need to look after my teeth? Research What happens to a 2p coin when left in different liquids? Change over time	
	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey (could also be taught with Animals and their habitats). state that animals have different diets and may have different kinds of teeth • know the function of some of the more complex features which aid survival in specific habitats (e.g. gills, blubber, camouflage) • describe why different animals and plants live in different habitats Teach within living things and their habitats: • recognise that green plants are the ultimate source of food for all animals (• recognise that a food chain must always start with a green plant (a producer) • represent feeding relationships within a habitat with food chains beginning with a green plant which 'produces' food for the other organisms • use and understand the terms: producer, predator and prey	Explain why the teeth of certain types of animals need to be different Explain how fossilised teeth give us clues about an animals' diet



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Working Scientifically: comparing the teeth of carnivores and herbivores and suggesting reasons for differences; finding out what damages teeth and how to look after them. They might draw and discuss their ideas about the digestive system and compare them with models or images.

Year 4	Key Vocabulary: solid, liquid, gas, particles, state, materials, propo	erties, matter, melt, freeze, water, ice,
Key Theme : States of matter	temperature, process, condensation, evaporation, water vapour,	energy, precipitation, collection.
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Observe changes across the 4 seasons	Compare and group materials together, according to whether	Describe the behaviour and properties of
Y1	they are solids, liquids or gases	gases
Observe and describe weather	Pupils should explore a variety of everyday materials and develop	
associated with the seasons and how	simple descriptions of the states of matter (solids hold their	Make clear distinctions between the
day length varies	shape; liquids form a pool not a pile; gases escape from an	properties of solids, liquids and gases
Y1	unsealed container)	Explain why granular solids have some of
Identify and compare the suitability	• Recognise that air is a material and that it is one of a range of	the properties associated with liquids
of a variety of everyday materials,	gases which have important uses	Explain why some substances are hard to
including wood, metal, plastic, glass,	Recognise that gases flow from place to place	classify as solids, liquids and gases (e.g.
brick, rock, paper and cardboard for	Know that gases can be easily compressed	whipped cream, mousse, mayonnaise,
particular uses Y2	Describe the differences between solids and liquids	muddy water, fizzy drinks, cornflour and
	 Compare simple solids and liquids (e.g. in terms of ease of 	water)
Find out how the shapes of solid	squashing or pouring)	
objects made from some materials	• Make clear distinctions between the properties of solids, liquids	
can be changed by squashing,	and gases	
bending, twisting and stretching Y2	• Identify a wide range of contexts in which changes of state take	
	place	
	Describe a few examples where these changes occur	
	• Recognise that for a substance to be detected by smell, some	
	of it must be in the gas state	







Which materials are a solid, gas or liquid? (Identifying and	
classifying)	
Observe that some materials change state when they are	Compare the boiling point of different
heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at	liquids
which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)	
Pupils should observe water as a solid, a liquid and a gas and	Explore the effect of salt on ice
should note the changes to water when it is heated or cooled.	Explain why salt is put on the roads in
Note: Teachers should avoid using materials where heating is	winter
associated with chemical change, for example, through baking or	
burning	
Describe how when ice melts it turns to liquid and how when	
water freezes it becomes ice	
Describe how these processes can be reversed	
Describe how liquids evaporate to form gases and how gases	
condense to form liquids	
explain the relationship between liquids and gases in	
terms of evaporation and condensation	
What temperature do materials measure at when they are	
heated or cooled? (Observation over time)	
Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the	
water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with	
temperature.	
Sequence the changes that happen in the water cycle	
Describe the water cycle in terms of these processes	
Explain the relationship between liquids and solids in terms of	
melting and freezing	
Know that temperature can affect the rate of evaporation or	
condensation	
Describe the effect of temperature on evaporation	
Explain how changing conditions affects processes such as	
evaporation and condensation	







Identify a range of contexts in which changes take place (e.g. evaporation of puddles in the school playground or from clothes on the washing line, condensation in the bathroom)
 What part does evaporation and condensation play in the water cycle? Research
 Is there a pattern between evaporation and temperature? (Pattern seeking)

<u>Working Scientifically:</u> group and classify a variety of different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when iron melts or when oxygen condenses into a liquid. They might observe and record evaporation over a period of time, for example, a puddle in the playground or washing on a line, and investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen melting.

Year 5 Key Theme : Earth and Space	Key Vocabulary: Earth, Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Planets, Solar System, day, night, rotate, orbit, axis, spherical, geocentric, heliocentric Scientists/mathematicians: Ptolemy, Alhazen and Copernicus Significant Scientist: Galileo Galilei	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Observe changes across the 4 seasons	Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets,	Explain that gravity is a force of attraction
Y1	relative to the Sun in the solar system	and it is what holds the planets in orbit
Observe and describe weather associated	Pupils should learn that the Sun is a star at the centre of	around the Sun and the Moon in orbit
with the seasons and how day length varies	our solar system and that it has eight planets: Mercury,	around the Earth
	Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune	use simple physical models to explain
	(Pluto was reclassified as a 'dwarf planet' in 2006).	effects that are caused by the movement of
	How could you organise all the objects in the solar system? Identifying and classifying	the Earth





	Is there a pattern between the size of a planet and the time it takes to travel around the Sun? pattern seeking	
Y3 Light Recognise that they need light in order to see things and 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 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	Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth Can you observe and identify all the phases in the cycle of the Moon? Identifying and classifying	Explain that the changes in the appearance of the Moon over a period of 28 days arise from the Moon orbiting the Earth once every 28 days
Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change		
	Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies They should understand that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet (Earth has one moon; Jupiter has four large moons and numerous smaller ones). How have our ideas about the solar system changed over time? Research	Explore scientist Mae C Jemison – 1 st African American female astronaut. Can they produce a fact file to inform their peers?
	Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. Pupils should be introduced to a model of the Sun and Earth that enables them to explain day and night	To create a sun dial and set up their own investigation.



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 Recognise that it is daylight in the part of the Earth facing the Sun Explore and describe how a shadow from the Sun changes over the course of a day Explain in terms of the rotation of the Earth why shadows change and the Sun appears to move across the sky during the course of the day Explain why it is night time in Australia when it is day time in England Why is it light during the day and dark at night? Comparative testing 	
How does the length of my shadow change during different times of the day? Comparative testing	
Note : Pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look dir glasses.	ectly at the Sun, even when wearing dark
Pupils should find out about the way that ideas about the solar system have developed, understanding how the geocentric model of the solar system gave way to the heliocentric model by considering the work of scientists such as Galileo Galilei, Ptolemy, Alhazen and Copernicus How have our ideas about the solar system changed over time? research	 Explain how ideas about the solar system have changed over time Find out about Katherine Johnson – NASA'S human computer! See her biography on line,

<u>Working Scientifically:</u> compare the time of day at different places on the Earth through internet links and direct communication; creating simple models of the solar system; constructing simple shadow clocks and sundials, calibrated to show midday and the start and end of the school day; finding out why some people think that structures such as Stonehenge might have been used as astronomical clocks.





Year 5	Key Vocabulary: force, push, pull, opposing, balanced, gravity, air resistance, water resistance,		
Key Theme : Forces (teach with history	friction, Isaac Newton, Galileo Galilee, streamline, brake, gear, mechanism, lever, cog, pulley,		
topic of WW1/2 – parachutes)	machine		
	Significant Scientist: Sir Isaac Newton		
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities	
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps	
Y3 Forces and Magnets	Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth	Draw force diagrams, labelling the	
Compare how things move on different	because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth	numerous forces acting upon the object for	
surfaces	and the falling object	different scenarios e.g. a diver diving into a	
Notice that some forces need contact	Identify weight as a force	pool	
between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can	Draw force diagrams with arrows showing the direction		
act at a distance	of forces acting on an object	To create and set up their own scientific	
	Observe and explore the effect of several forces on	enquiries, investigating the link	
Observe how magnets attract or repel each	objects	between weight and mass. They should	
other and attract some materials and not	Describe some situations in which there is more than	make links to scientists such as Isaac	
others	once force acting on an object	Newton.	
	Describe and explain the motion of some familiar		
Compare and group together a variety of	objects in terms of several forces acting on them		
everyday materials on the basis of whether	Identify forces on an object as either balanced or		
they are attracted to a magnet, and identify	unbalanced		
some magnetic materials	Use the terms 'balanced' and unbalanced' when		
	describing several forces on an object		
Describe magnets as having 2 poles	Explain that balanced forces on an object cause it to		
Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or	remain stationary or travel at the same speed		
repel each other, depending on which poles	Explain that unbalanced forces on an object cause it to		
are facing	speed up, change shape or slow down		
_	Pupils might find out how scientists, for example, Galileo		
	Galilei and Isaac Newton helped to develop the theory of		
	gravitation.		





Can you label and name all the forces acting on the objects in each of these situations? Identifying and classifying What effect does gravity have on different objects? Comparative testing (Who was Isaac Newton?) research How do balanced and unbalanced forces effect objects? Research	
 Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces Explore falling objects and raise questions about the effects of air resistance. Understand that air resistance is the frictional force of air on objects moving through it Explore the effects of air resistance by observing how different objects such as parachutes and sycamore seeds fall. Experience forces that make things begin to move, get faster or slow down Pupils should explore the effects of friction on movement and find out how it slows or stops moving objects, for example, by observing the effects of a brake on a bicycle wheel. Describe some of the factors that increase friction between solid surfaces and increase air and water resistance Describe situations in which frictional forces are helpful as well as those in which frictional forces are unhelpful 	Compare the tread on bicycle tyres according to how much friction they need Identify streamlined objects and describe why they have been designed in this way (e.g. cycling helmets, formula 1 cars, dolphins)





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Do all objects fall through water in the same way? Pattern seeking How does the surface area of a parachute affect the time it takes to fall to the ground? Fair testing How does friction affect the force needed to pull shoe? Comparative testing	
Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. Pupils should explore the effects of levers, pulleys, gears and simple machines on movement. Levers, pulleys or gears and how do you know? Identifying and classifying	 Describe how levers, pulleys and gears are used in everyday life (e.g. having gears can make it easier to pedal a bike, a bottle opener makes it easier to open a bottle lid) Explain how introducing gears onto bikes has changed cycling

<u>Working Scientifically:</u> explore falling paper cones or cup-cake cases, and designing and making a variety of parachutes and carrying out fair tests to determine which designs are the most effective. They might explore resistance in water by making and testing boats of different shapes. They might design and make products that use levers, pulleys, gears and/or springs and explore their effects.

Year 5 Key Theme: Properties and changes of materials (taught over two half terms)	Key Vocabulary: material, property, magnetic, hard, to conductor, insulator, heat, variable, electric, resistance solid, separate, mixture, solution, suspension, evaporal Particles, reversible, irreversible, physical, chemical, re	e, circuit, dissolve, soluble, insoluble, liquid, ite, filter, sieve, magnet, attract,
Previous Learning To be reinforced:	Core Learning Intentions Age Related	Extension Opportunities Next steps



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Pupils should build a more systematic
understanding of materials by exploring and
comparing the properties of a broad range of
materials, including relating these to what they
learnt about magnetism in year 3 and about
electricity in year 4. (See below)

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.

Note: pupils are not required to make quantitative measurements about conductivity and insulation at this stage. It is sufficient for them to observe that some conductors will produce a brighter bulb in a circuit than others and that some materials will feel hotter than others when a heat source is placed against them. Safety guidelines should be followed when burning materials.

• Suggest why particular materials are used for different jobs depending on their properties How can I group the materials according to their properties?

Identifying and classifying

Which materials make the bulb shine brightest and why? Comparative testing.

Explain why some materials are good thermal insulators

Y3 Magnetism

- 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 magnet, and identify some magnetic materials
- Describe magnets as having two poles

Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution

- Name some materials that will and some that will not dissolve in water
- Recognise that although it is not possible to see a dissolved solid, it remains in the solution
- Describe melting and dissolving and give everyday examples of each

Describe the difference between melting and dissolving





Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	 Identify and explore factors that affect the rate at which a solid dissolves Separate an undissolved solid from a liquid by filtering Recognise that an undissolved solid can be separated from liquid by filtering Recognise that a solid can be recovered from a solution by evaporation Which materials will dissolve into a solution and how can I recover a substance from a solution? Comparative testing Are melting and dissolving the same processes and how do you know? Comparative testing How does the temperature of tea affect how long it takes for a sugar cube to dissolve? Fair testing 	
Y4 States of Matter	Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to	Recognise that inks and dyes are often
Compare and group materials together, according	decide how mixtures might be separated, including	mixtures of different colours and these can
to whether they are solids, liquids or gases	through filtering, sieving and evaporating	be separated by chromatography
Observe that some materials change state when	Describe the properties of mixtures which can	be separated by emornatography
they are heated or cooled, and measure or	be separated by filtration	Explain why ink or dye moves up the paper
research the temperature at which this happens in	Describe some methods that are used to separate	in chromatography
degrees Celsius (°C)	simple mixtures	
Identify the part played by evaporation and	Explain that when solids dissolve they break up so	
condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	small they can pass through the holes in the filter	
rate of evaporation with temperature.	paper	
	Use knowledge about how a specific mixture can	
	be separated to suggest ways in which other similar	
	mixtures might be separated	





	Recognise that some changes can be reversed and some cannot How can I separate mixtures by filtering, sieving and evaporating? (magnets – paperclips and rice Filtering – sand and water Evaporation – salt and water Sieving – flour and choc chips) Comparative testing What happens when acid and bicarbonate of soda are mixed? Identifying and classifying	
 Y4 Electricity 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. 	Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic Which material will be the best thermal insulator for a coffee mug? Fair testing Who is Stephanie Kwolek? Research	To set up a scientific investigations that proves or disproves a hypothesis that you have created about the properties of materials.
	Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. They should explore reversible changes, including evaporating, filtering,	Children to create further scientific enquires based on their findings, interests and ideas.



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	sieving, melting and dissolving, recognising that	
	melting and dissolving are different processes:	
	 Observe and explore a variety of chemical changes 	
	(e.g. burning)	
	 Identify whether some changes are reversible or 	
	not	
	 Classify some changes as reversible (e.g. dissolving) 	
	and others as irreversible (e.g. burning)	
	Recognise that irreversible changes often make	
	new and useful materials	
	• Describe what happens when acid and bicarbonate	
	of soda are mixed	
	Explain that some changes result in the formation	They should find out about how chemists
	of new materials, and that this kind of change is not	create new materials, for example, Spencer
	usually reversible, including changes associated	Silver, who invented the glue for sticky
	with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate	notes or Ruth Benerito, who invented
	of soda Pupils should explore changes that are	wrinkle-free cotton.
	difficult to reverse, for example, burning, rusting and	
	other reactions, for example, vinegar with	Describe the properties of new materials
	bicarbonate of soda.	(e.g. aerogel, silly putty, wrinkle-free
	• Explain that in some cases the new materials made	cotton)
	are gases and identify some evidence for the	
	production of gases (e.g. vigorous bubbling)	
	What happens when acid and bicarbonate of soda	
	are mixed?	
	Identifying and classifying	
Working Scientifically: carry out tests to answer que	stions for example 'Which materials would be the mos	t effective for making a warm jacket for

Working Scientifically: carry out tests to answer questions, for example, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm jacket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout curtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. They could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, when burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research and







discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, cooking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, supersticky and super-thin materials.

Year 5 Key Theme: Animals including humans (teach / merge with Living things and their habitats)	Key Vocabulary: Egg, sperm, fetus, baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, old age, development, growth, human, infancy, childhood, adulthood, adolescence, prenatal, changes, breasts, pubic hair, hips, facial hair, body hair, genitals, muscular development, menstruation. Significant Scientist:	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Y2 Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans.	To identify any patterns in growth. As a GP, to produce a 'things to expect' aspect of their timeline. Children should
Y3 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. Y3	Can you identify all the stages in a human life- cycle? Identifying and classifying	also complete the working scientifically element to his activity listed below.
Y4: Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans for example: mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, and small and large intestine Y4:Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions	They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty. - describe the simple functions of parts of the human reproductive system Which parts make the human reproductive system and what do they do? Identifying and classifying	Sort changes into physical and emotional, as well as boys, girls and both genders – this could be presented as a Venn diagram
Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey Working Scientifically: by researching the gestation and mass of a baby as it grows.	periods of other animals and comparing them with hun	nans; by finding out and recording the length



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Year 5

Key Theme: Living things and their

habitats

Flowers. Dissect: Primroses/daffodils

Propagate: Basil

<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> sexual, asexual, reproduction, cell, fertilisation, pollination, male, female, pregnancy, gestation, young, Jane Goodall, mammal, metamorphosis, amphibian, insect, egg, embryo, bird, plant

(mammals: monotremes, marsupials, placental)

Significant Scientist:

Jane Goodall

David Attenborough – watch free clips

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Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Y4	Describe the differences in the life cycles of a	Explain what is unusual about the life cycle
Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety	mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird	of a kangaroo or koala
of ways	recognise the similarities in the life cycles of plants,	
Explore possible ways of grouping a wide selection of	animals and humans	
living things that include animals and flowering plants		
and non-flowering plants. Pupils could begin to put	What are the similarities and differences in the	
vertebrate animals into groups such as fish, amphibians,	lifecycles of this collection of animals? Identifying	
reptiles, birds, and mammals; and invertebrates into	and classifying	
snails and slugs, worms, spiders, and insects.	and classifying	
Note: Plants can be grouped into categories such as		
flowering plants (including grasses) and non-flowering	Is there a relationship between a mammal's size and	
plants, such as ferns and mosses.	its gestation period? Pattern Seeking	
Explore and use classification keys to help group,		
identify and name a variety of living things in their		
local and wider environment		





- Describe some of the characteristics of the vertebrate (fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds) groups (e.g. warm-blooded, have fur, lay eggs)		
Y1 – Children grew runner beans and broad beans Y2 – Children grew red onions from a bulb and a sunflower from a seed Y3 – Children grew sunflowers and tomatoes	Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Find out about different types of reproduction, including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants, and sexual reproduction in animals: • Describe the functions of some parts of a flower • Describe the main functions of parts of a plant involved in reproduction (see below, use primroses) • Describe the processes of sexual and asexual reproduction in plants. Use basil to take cuttings and grow exact clones from its parent plant. • Compare methods of seed dispersal • Know that most animals reproduce by sexual reproduction compare methods of seed dispersal • Know that most animals reproduce by sexual reproduction Insect pollination: using flower heads rather than diagrams on the board. Buy a pot of Primroses (£1.75 from B&Q). this will contain approx. 15 flowers. Children to place thumbs either side if the flower head and gently pull apart to reveal the structure of the flower (male and female parts). What is the process of sexual reproduction in plants? Research	Plants that have been reproduced have a 'brother and sister' and these are identical opposites. If you bought two or three pots of the same Primroses (January). from B&Q you would see this • Compare internal and external fertilisation in animals • Explain that living things need to reproduce if the species is to survive • Compare gestation periods (pregnancy) of different animals







What is a-sexual reproduction and how can I make a clone of a plant? Research	
Study and raise questions about their local environment throughout the year (our school grounds are perfect for this – see notes below) <u>Using the school grounds:</u> Seed dispersal: hazelnut tree (shows male and female parts) – in forest school – (wind pollination). Show children the catkins (no scent, not pretty to look at, no colour). Can drop the catkins on a black piece of card and watch the pollen come out. (see video for guidance in the science folder) In addition – squirrels burying nuts, they only find 95% of them. The rest grow into trees. Birds eating berries and then excreting causing further plants to grow e.g. holly, elder	Children to conduct their own research and observations – this might be ongoing throughout the year. Give them opportunities to record in their own way and to present where necessary. Links to history: WW1: sticky weed, which can be found around the outside of the field, was used to bring down swelling. Stinging nettles, the Roman's brought in for flagellating; to circulate blood in order to keep warm and for medicine.
What is seed dispersal and can I find examples of this in our school grounds? Identifying and classifying	
Observe life-cycle changes in a variety of living things, for example, plants in the vegetable garden or flower border, and animals in the local environment What is seed dispersal and can I find examples of this in our school grounds? Observations over time	







Find out about the work of naturalists and animal	George Washington Carver developed
behaviourists, for example, David Attenborough and	hundreds of products using the peanut,
Jane Goodall.	sweet potatoes and soybeans. He also
Who is Jane Goodall? research	was a champion of crop rotation and agricultural education.

<u>Working Scientifically:</u> observe and compare the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with other plants and animals around the world (in the rainforest, in the oceans, in desert areas and in prehistoric times), asking pertinent questions and suggesting reasons for similarities and differences. They might try to grow new plants from different parts of the parent plant (basil), for example, seeds, stem and root cuttings, tubers, bulbs. They might observe changes in an animal over a period of time (for example, by hatching and rearing chicks), comparing how different animals reproduce and grow.

Year 6 Key Theme: Living Things and Their Habitats: Classification	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> classify, compare, bacteria, characteristics, classification, microorganism, organism, invertebrates (spider, worm, insect, snail), vertebrates (mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile, fish), flowering, non-flowering, <u>Significant Scientist - Carl Linnaeus</u>	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Pupils should build on their learning about	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups	Compare the rate of reproduction in
grouping living things in year 4 by looking at the	according to common observable characteristics and based on	microorganisms to other animals
classification system in more detail.	similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants	Describe how the development of the
	and animals	microscope has contributed to our
Y4	Understand why classification is important	understanding of microorganisms
Recognise that living things can be grouped in a	Introduce the idea that broad groupings, such as micro-	Describe how ideas about hygiene have
variety of ways	organisms, plants and animals can be subdivided.	changed over time (e.g. Semmelweis)





Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Y5 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.	Describe how micro-organisms feed, grow and reproduce like other organisms Recognise that there are useful micro-organisms which can be used in food production Explain how micro-organisms can move from one food source to another or from one animal to another Do all flowers have the same number of petals? Pattern seeking What do different types of microorganisms do? Are they always harmful? Research Is yeast living, how do you know? Observations over time Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics Through direct observations where possible, they should classify animals into commonly found invertebrates (such as insects, spiders, snails, worms) and vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals). They should discuss reasons why living things are placed in one group and not another. How could you group animals according to their characteristics? Identifying and classifying How would you make a classification key for vertebrates/invertebrates or microorganisms? Identifying and classifying	Devise own keys to classify organisms and objects
	Find out about the significance of the work of scientists such as Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification.	Describe early ideas about classification (e.g. Aristotle)



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Is there a formal method of classifying living things?
Research

<u>Working Scientifically:</u> use classification systems and keys to identify some animals and plants in the immediate environment. They could research unfamiliar animals and plants from a broad range of other habitats and decide where they belong in the classification system.

Describe evidence, from investigations, that yeast is living

Year 6 Key Theme : Animals including humans: The Circulatory System	Key Vocabulary: System, human, body, circulatory, circulation, skeletal, muscular, digestive, organs, parts, heart, lungs, blood vessels, aorta, atrium, ventricle, artery, vein, pulmonary, superior vena cava, inferior, pulmonic, aortic valve, trachea, bronchus, bronchiole, diaphragms, air sacs, alveoli, capillary, intercostal muscles and ribs. Nutrients, nutrition, water, system, digestive, skeletal, muscular, stomach, gall bladder, liver, small intestine, large intestine, pancreas, liver, kidneys, rectum, bladder, Healthy, lifestyle, diet, exercise, nutrition, nutrients, food, water, cells, body, human, organs, vitamins, minerals, protein, fats, carbohydrates, water, fibre, oxygen, pulse, heart rate, Significant Scientist: William Harvey (Doctor who discovered the nature of blood circulation and the function of the heart as a pump) OR Unsung scientist: Roger Arliner Young 1889-1964.	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Y3 Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and	Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of	• explain the effect of diet on particular organs of the body / aspects of health
movement.	the heart, blood vessels and blood	explain the effect of exercise on particular
movement.	Pupils should build on their learning from years 3	organs of the body/aspects of health
Y4: Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of	and 4 about the main body parts and internal organs	explain how ideas about the circulatory system
the digestive system in humans for example: mouth,	(skeletal, muscular and digestive system) to explore	have changed over time
tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, and small and	and answer questions that help them to understand	0.1.1.1
large intestine		





	how the circulatory system enables the body to	
	function.	
	 describe the different functions of the blood (e.g. 	
	transporting and protecting)	
	 know that the blood comes from the heart in 	
	arteries and returns to the heart in veins	
	 know that blood carries oxygen and other essential 	
	materials around the body	
	Which organs of the body make up the circulation	
	system, and where are they found? Identifying and	
	classifying	
Y5: Describe the changes as humans develop to old	Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and	explain how ideas about smoking have changed
age	lifestyle on the way their bodies function	over time
Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in the	Pupils should learn how to keep their bodies healthy	explain why advice on diet changes
growth and development of humans.	and how their bodies might be damaged – including	(e.g. butter vs margarine, five a day, tax on
	how some drugs and other substances can be	sugary drinks)
	harmful to the human body.	
	recognise that care needs to be taken with	Marie M Daly. Her work opened a new
	medicines and that they can be dangerous	understanding of how foods and diet can affect
	• give several reasons why it is sometimes necessary	the health of the heart and the circulatory system
	to take medicines	
	identify some harmful effects of drugs	
	 name the major groups into which food is categorised and identify sources for each group 	
	describe the main function of organs of the human	
	body	
	How can diet and exercise affect my body?	
	research	
	1000.01	
	How does the length of time we exercise for affect	
	our heart rate? Fair testing	







	OR Which type of exercise has the greatest effect on our heart rate? Comparative How have our ideas about disease and medicine changed over time? Research What is medicine / drugs and what effect can they have on the body? (covered in PSHE) research	
They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty.	Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans • know that the blood comes from the heart in arteries and returns to the heart in veins • know that blood carries oxygen and other essential materials around the body What is blood and how is it transported around the body? Research How is water and nutrients transported around the body? Research	Explore osmosis and diffusion (children don't need to know the scientific details of diffusion & osmosis, just that they are processes used to transport nutrients and water. Osmosis = water only; diffusion = O ₂ CO ₂ Toxins Hormones (use skittles and jelly snakes).

Working Scientifically: exploring the work of scientists and scientific research about the relationship between diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle and health. E.G. discover that during exercise the heart beats faster to take blood more rapidly to the muscles; make careful measurements of pulse rate

Year 6	Key Vocabulary: shadow, light, filter, colour, reflect, absorb, refract, spectrum, wavelength,	
Key Theme : light	prism, visible, lens, angle, incidence, straight, ray, beam, wave, photon, energy.	







Previous Learning To be reinforced	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
Pupils should build on the work on light in year 3, exploring the way that light behaves, including light sources, reflection and shadows. They should talk about what happens and make predictions. Year 3 (Light) Recognise that they need light in order to see things and 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 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	Age Related Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines Does light travel in straight lines? (Pattern seeking) Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye Understand that in order to be seen, all non-luminous objects must reflect light Diagrammatically represent light from sources and bouncing off reflective surface using arrows How does light travel to enable us to see things? (Comparative and fair testing)	Explore the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection using card and mirrors. The children should use protractors to measure each angle to prove this theory. Know that, when sunlight passes through some objects, coloured light is produced (for example in rainbows, soap bubbles and prisms)
	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 • Draw diagrams to illustrate how light is travelling from the source to the eye How does light travel from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to eyes? - Draw a diagram to illustrate how light is travelling from the source to the eye	Describe how curved mirrors distort a reflection
Y5 Earth and Space: Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. • Describe a variety of ways of changing the size of the shadow produced by an object	Children to set up their own lines of enquiry based on interests, predictions and prior learning from Y3



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Pupils should be introduced to a model of the Sun and Earth that enables them to explain day and night

- •Recognise that it is daylight in the part of the Earth facing the Sun
- Explore and describe how a shadow from the Sun changes over the course of a day
- Explain in terms of the rotation of the Earth why shadows change and the Sun appears to move across the sky during the course of the day
- Explain why it is night time in Australia when it is day time in England

- Describe the relationship between the size of a shadow and the distance between the light source and an object
- Diagrammatically represent the formation of shadows using arrow convention

How are shadows the same shape as the object that casts them? (Comparative testing)

Working Scientifically: decide where to place rear-view mirrors on cars; designing and making a periscope and using the idea that light appears to travel in straight lines to explain how it works. They might investigate the relationship between light sources, objects and shadows by using shadow puppets. They could extend their experience of light by looking a range of phenomena including rainbows, colours on soap bubbles, objects looking bent in water and coloured filters (they do not need to explain why these phenomena occur).

Year 6 Key Theme: Evolution and Inheritance (taught over two half terms)	Key Vocabulary: evolution, adaptation, inherited traits, inheritance, adaptive traits, natural selection, DNA, genes, variation, parent, offspring, fossil, environment, habitat, fossilisation, plants, animals, living things. Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace, Significant Scientist: Charles Darwin	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Building on what they learned about fossils in the topic on rocks in year 3, pupils should find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time.	Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago • Explain why we do not have a complete fossil record How have living things changed over time and how do we know? Research	Describe the story of the peppered moth and how this provides evidence for natural selection





Y3 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 lived are trapped within rock Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	Compare the skeletons of apes, humans, and Neanderthals – how are they similar, and how are they different? Research Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring, for instance by considering different breeds of dogs, and what happens when, for example, Labradors are crossed with poodles Is offspring identical to their parents? Research What happened when Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos islands? Research Is there a pattern between the size and shape of a bird's beak and the food it will eat? Pattern seeking	 explain how antibiotic resistant bacteria provide evidence for natural selection explain why we can see evidence for natural selection in fast reproducing organisms like bacteria (e.g. antibiotic resistant bacteria and pesticide resistant insects) •
Y5 Animals including humans 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	Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments, for example, by exploring how giraffes' necks got longer, or the development of insulating fur on the arctic fox • Explain how being well adapted to an environment means an organism is more likely to survive	Explain that animals which are better adapted to an environment are more likely to survive, reproduce and pass on characteristics to their offspring meaning the animal species will gradually change and evolve (giraffe with the tallest neck could reach more leaves to feed on). Explain how the introduction of a new species to an isolated environment can







How are plants suited to their environment? Research	affect native species (e.g. Dodo, Kakapo or Stephen's Island Wren)
How have animals adapted to suit to their environment? Research	•
Optional: Think of an unusual environment – what adaptations would an animal need to survive? Identification and classification	
Find out about the work of palaeontologists such as Mary Anning and about how Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace developed their ideas on evolution.	Compare the ideas of Darwin and Lamarck about evolution
Note: At this stage, pupils are not expected to understand how genes and chromosomes work.	

Working Scientifically: observe and raise questions about local animals and how they are adapted to their environment; comparing how some living things are adapted to survive in extreme conditions, for example, cactuses, penguins and camels. They might analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two feet rather than four, having a long or a short beak, having gills or lungs, tendrils on climbing plants, brightly coloured and scented flowers.

Year 6 Key Theme : Electricity	Key Vocabulary: Electricity, electrical current, alternating current, direct current, battery, cell, bulb, wire, open switch, closed switch, motor, buzzer, circuit, voltage, brightness, loudness, Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, Alessandro Volta,	
Previous Learning	Core Learning Intentions	Extension Opportunities
To be reinforced	Age Related	Next steps
Y4 Electricity	Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of	Explore the effect of thickness of a
Identify common appliances that run on	a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used	wire in a circuit
electricity	in the circuit	
	Explore how to change the brightness of bulbs and	Describe the differences between wires
	the volume of a buzzer	usually used for circuits and fuse wires





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.	Recall what causes the brightness of bulbs or the volume of a buzzer to change Recall that the amount of electricity is measured in voltage How is the brightness of a lamp / volume of a buzzer associated with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit? (Pattern seeking)	Describe what would happen if all lights in a home were connected in the same circuit and one
	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 Construct simple series circuits, to help them to answer questions about what happens when they try different components, for example, switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors Compare different circuits (e.g. for brightness of bulb) How do different components function? (Comparative testing)	Can you make a dimmer switch? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfyknX2W694
	Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. Draw circuit diagrams and construct circuits from diagrams using conventional symbols Which symbols are used when representing a simple circuit in a diagram? (Research)	Explain current in circuits using simple models and analogies (e.g. piped water, bicycle chain, children and sweets)







Note: Pupils are expected to learn only about series circuits, not parallel circuits. Pupils should be taught to take the necessary precautions for working safely with electricity.

<u>Working Scientifically:</u> systematically identify the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit; designing and making a set of traffic lights, a burglar alarm or some other useful circuit.