Curriculum Knowledge Map – Y8 Science



Year 8	Autumn 1: Organisms	Autumn 2: Acids and Alkalis	Spring 1: Waves, light and sound	Spring 2: Rocks, climate and Universe	Summer 1: Genes and Evolution	Summer 2: Motion & Forces (speed and energy transfers)
Declarative What should they know?	 Organisms Diet. Food groups Food tests Diabetes. Digestive system. Modelling the journey of food. Enzyme digestion Respiratory system Gas exchange Impact of exercise Drugs (recreational and drugs in sport). 	 Acids and Alkali chemical and physical reactions Acids and Alkalis indicators and pH neutralisation strong and weak acid, Concentration Metals and non-metals Metals and oxygen, Metals and water metals and acids making salts displacement reactions reactivity series - fruit batteries 	 Energy transfer Waves Wave equations Transverse and longitudinal waves Reflection Refraction Dispersion Sound Transfer of sound through matter Structure of the Ear 	 Rocks climate and the Universe Global warming The rock cycle (types of rock) The Earth's structure Composition of the atmosphere Days and seasons Space (planets, stars and galaxies) Gravity on Earth Changing Moon 	 Genes and Evolution Variation The structure of DNA Genes, chromosomes and the nucleus Genetic modification Selective breeding Natural selection Evolution Extinction Wildlife conservation 	 Motion and Forces Resultant force Friction Gravity Air resistance Hooke's Law Calculating speed Distance time graphs Speed and velocity Acceleration Pressure moments

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Procedural What should they be able to do?	 Students will: learn to write persuasive articles. learn how to evaluate models and carry out dissections carry out/write up scientific investigations: investigate food groups and food tests investigate the pH of substances carry out filtration and evaporation learn the importance of sample size and consider factors that might affect a scientific study. (e.g. age/gender etc.) 	 Students will: carry out/write up scientific investigations: Students will investigate the pH of different solutions and use indicators. investigate e reactivity of different metals and make predictions using fruit batteries for displacement. learn how to make salt crystals. 	 Students will: carry out/write up scientific investigations: investigate waves in solids and liquids. investigate ray diagrams (Reflection and refraction, dispersion). investigate the speed of sound in air. 	 Students will: carry out/write up scientific investigations: Analysis of data from the department of energy relating to global warming. Interpret graphs showing climate change data. Practical skills- analysis of rock samples, and identification using data. Use of prefixes- kilo, mega, giga. 	 Students will: develop oracy and presentation skills. learn how to write evaluations and comparisons effectively. build DNA models and evaluate the use of models in science. write about and discuss the ethics of selective breeding in class. 	Students will investigate
Disciplinary Literacy (Tier 3 Vocab)	SEEC: - Proches Pronchus Alveolus Carbohydrate Lipid Protein Digestive Villi Enzyme	SEEC: - Acid Alkali Concentrated Universal Indicator Neutralise Base Salt Reactant Product Reactivity	SEEC: - Longitudinal Transverse Oscillation Amplitude Frequency Wavelength Crest Trough Pitch Hertz	SEEC: - Crust Mantle Core Sedimentary Igneous metamorphic solar system galaxy universe	SEEC: - Variation Species Inherited Evolution Natural Selection Mutation Chromosome Allele Dominant Recessive	SEEC: - Gravity Resultant Balanced Equilibrium Unbalanced Acceleration Mass gravitational field strength pressure pivot
Assessment	Mid-Point Assessments (MPA) and teacher assessed questions (TAQ) MPA 1 Breathing MPA 2 Digestion MPA's Focus on low stakes testing using exam questions from KS 3 assessments.	Mid-Point Assessments (MPA) and teacher assessed questions (TAQ) MPA 1 Acids MPA 2 Metals MPA's Focus on low stakes testing using exam questions from KS 3 assessments.	Mid-Point Assessments (MPA) and teacher assessed questions (TAQ) MPA 1 Waves MPA 2 Light and sound MPA's Focus on low stakes testing using exam questions from KS 3 assessments.	Mid-Point Assessments (MPA) and teacher assessed questions (TAQ) MPA 1 Rocks and weathering MPA 2 Space MPA's Focus on low stakes testing using exam questions from KS 3 assessments.	Mid-Point Assessments (MPA) and teacher assessed questions (TAQ) MPA 1 Genes MPA 2 Evolution MPA's Focus on low stakes testing using exam questions from KS 3 assessments.	Mid-Point Assessments (MPA) and teacher assessed questions (TAQ) MPA 1 Forces 1 MPA 2 Forces 2 MPA's Focus on low stakes testing using exam questions from KS 3 assessments.

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			Progress Test based on units taught so far in Year 8 • Plants • Particles and Separation • Organisms • Acids and alkalis			Progress Test based on units taugh so far in Year 8 • Organisms • Acids and alkalis • Waves light and sound • Rocks, climate, universe
Home	Creative homework based on	Creative homework based on	Creative homework based on	Creative homework based on	Creative homework based on	Creative homework based on the
	organisms' topics.	Acids and alkalis topic.	Waves, light and sound	Rocks, climate, universe	genes and evolution	Forces topic.
Learning	Comprehension exercise on famous people – Marie Maynard Daly	Comprehension exercise on famous people – George Washington	Comprehension exercise on famous people: Sir Charles Kao	Comprehension exercise on famous people: Neil deGrasse Tyson	Comprehension exercise on famous people: Rosalind Franklin	Comprehension exercise on famous people: Sally Ride
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		Acids and Alkalis		Rocks, climate and the	Genes and evolution	Revision for the summer progress
			Revision for the January progress	universe		test
			test			Organisms
			 Plants and Organisms 			Acids and alkalis
			 Particles and Separation 			 Waves light and sound
			 Acids and alkalis 			Rocks climate, universe