Year 1 Africa					
Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Terms	
My Town, My School, My Road	Weather	Toys	Paws, Claws, Whiskers	Kenya; Njoro	Seaside Holidays
Everyday Materials 1	Seasonal Changes	Everyday Materials 2	Animals including Humans		Plants
Lesson 1 DE LO: Identify and name a variety of everyday materials and describe their properties. WS Skill: Using the senses and taking measurements, using a range of equipment, to make observations about a scientific enquiry. Enquiry: How can we observe, measure, and group different materials based on their characteristics? Have you ever stretched a hair band or an elastic band too much?	Lesson 1 DE LO: Name the 4 seasons understand what changes the seasons bring. WS Skill: Observing changes that occur over a long or short period of time. Enquiry: How do the four seasons change the weather and our surroundings? Set up a class experiment that will measure the amount of rainfall over the entire unit. O WATE COMP CAPT Seasons	Lesson 1 DE LO: Build a structure strong enough to withstand wind. WS Skill: Setting up tests Enquiry: Which structures withstood the wind? Unusual houses	Lesson 1 DE LO: Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals WS Skill: Grouping and sorting Enquiry: How do we know if an animal is a bird, mammal, reptile, fish, or amphibian? O WHATE GOING ON? Squirrelling away	Plants Lesson 1 DE LO: Explain how to plant a seed and predict what might happen to their seed WS Skill: Using prior knowledge to make informed suggestions on what may happen in a scientific enquiry. Enquiry: How do seeds grow into plants, and what happens to a seed when it is planted in soil? DE (Lesson 1 and 6) marigolds and nasturtium	Lesson 1 DE LO: Identify and label the basic parts of a plant and tree WS Skill: Using observations, data and findings to name, label and organise items in a variety of ways. Enquiry: What are the basic parts of a plant and a tree, and how are they the same or different? Have you ever spotted a flower you really like?
Lesson 2 DE LO: Identify what material an object is made from. WS Skill: Using tables, a variety of graphs, labelled diagrams and models to record observations, measurements, results and findings. Enquiry: How can we distinguish between an object and the material it is made from, and can different objects be made from the same material?	Lesson 2 DE LO: Understand the changes that take place in autumn. WS Skill: Identifying patterns and looking for relationships to make links between scientific concepts. Enquiry: What changes happen in autumn, and how do they affect plants, animals, and the weather?	Lesson 2 DE LO: Understand what waterproof means and know what materials are waterproof. WS Skill: Conducting a test that controls all but one variable to answer a scientific question. Enquiry: Why does the roof of a house need to be waterproof?	Lesson 2 DE LO: Identify, describe, and compare the characteristics of mammals and birds. WS Skill: Using observations and classification to group and compare mammals and birds. Enquiry: How are mammals and birds similar, and what makes them different?	Lesson 1 DE LO: Identify the different parts of the human body and explain what they are used for WS Skill: Using observations, data and findings to name, label and organise items in a variety of ways. Enquiry: How do different parts of the human body help us in our daily activities?	Lesson 2 DE LO: Understand that different plants can grow in the same environment WS Skill: Using observations, data and findings to name, label and organise items in a variety of ways. Enquiry: How can different plants grow in the same environment, and what features help them do so?
Lesson 3 DE LO: Describe the properties of everyday materials. WS Skill: Using observations, data and findings to name, label and organise items in a variety of ways. Enquiry: What are the different properties of everyday materials, and why do we use certain materials for different objects?	Lesson 3 no DE LO: To observe and compare how different trees lose their leaves in autumn. WS Skill: Observing changes over time and recording findings through drawings or simple charts. Enquiry: Do trees with bigger leaves lose their leaves first in Autumn?	Lesson 3 DE LO: Understand the properties of glass and its uses. WS Skill: Using the senses and taking measurements, using a range of equipment, to make observations about a scientific enquiry. Enquiry: Why is glass the best material for windows, and why might other materials be unsuitable?	Lesson 3 DE LO: Name, describe and compare a variety of common amphibians, reptiles and fish WS Skill: Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Grouping and sorting Enquiry: What are the key similarities and differences between amphibians, reptiles, and fish?	Lesson 2 DE LO: Know the basic parts of the eye and their functions WS Skill: Identifying patterns and looking for relationships to make links between scientific concepts. Enquiry: How do our eyes help us see different colours, shapes, and objects around us?	Lesson 3 DE LO: Make comparisons between a deciduous tree and an evergreen tree WS Skill: Observing closely, using simple equipment Enquiry: What is the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, and how do they change throughout the year?

Lesson 4 DE

LO: Identify objects that are natural and those that are manmade.

WS Skill: Using

observations, data and findings to name, label and organise items in a variety of

Enquiry: How can we identify and group items that are natural and those that are man-made?

CE ODD ONE OUT Is it plastic?



Ask: "Which of these items are made of plastic?"

☐ **Discuss:** "Plastic is useful, but too much plastic can be bad for our planet. What happens when we throw plastic away?"

☐ **Encourage Action:** "How can we use less plastic? Can we choose reusable bottles instead of single-use plastic?"

LO: To learn about Clare Nasir and understand the role of a weather forecaster.

Lesson 4

WS Skill: Using observations and research to suggest answers to scientific

Enquiry: Who is Clair Nasir? https://explorify.uk/en/activities/whois/clare-nasir





☐ Discuss why knowing the weather is important for staying safe and making good choices (e.g., wearing the right clothes, preparing for storms).

☐ Talk about how weather is changing and what we can do to help protect the environment.

☐ Link to simple actions like turning off lights, recycling, and planting trees to help the Earth stay healthy.

Lesson 4 DE

LO: Understand that materials are used to create a variety of furniture.

WS Skill: Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.

Enquiry: What materials are used to make furniture, and why are some materials better for certain types of furniture than others?



LO: Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores

WS Skill: Using observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions; Grouping and sorting

Enquiry: How can we sort animals based on their diet?

Savanna sidekicks





SDG 15: Life on Land Activity Connection: This activity focuses on animals native to the African savanna.

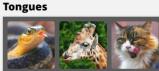
Lesson 3 DE

LO: Describe a range of different flavours and understand why our sense of taste is important

WS Skill: Carefully following a method and using equipment accurately to carry out a scientific enquiry.

Enquiry: How does our tongue help us taste different flavours, and why is our sense of taste important?

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SDG 15: Life on Land The activity provides an opportunity to discuss the role of

animals in different ecosystems and the unique adaptations they have (like the specialized tongues).

Lesson 4 DE

LO: Understand that plants are a source of food

WS Skill: Using prior knowledge to make informed suggestions on what may happen in a scientific enquiry.

Enquiry: How do fruit trees and vegetables grow, and how can we match their seeds or stones to the plants they come from?

ODD ONE OUT

Hedgerow heroes





Connection: The activity explores different plants and their importance to animals and humans, linking

directly to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use

Lesson 5 DE

LO: Predict and identify if an object will float or sink.

WS Skill: Conducting a test that controls all but one variable to answer a scientific question.

Enquiry: How do some materials change when they are in water?

Does it float?



Lesson 5 DE

LO: Understand the changes that take place in winter.

WS Skill: Using the senses and taking measurements, using a range of equipment, to make observations about a scientific enquiry. Enquiry: Can we prepare a weather forecast for 2 or 3 days that includes a variety of different weather conditions?



Lesson 5 DE

LO: Explore a variety of fabrics and understand their different properties.

WS Skill: Using tables, a variety of graphs, labelled diagrams and models to record observations, measurements, results and findings.

Enquiry: What would the three little pigs wear in the summer, in the winter or on a rainy day?



Lesson 5 DE

kept as a pet?

LO: Identify and classify animals as either wild or suitable as pets, explaining the reasons for their classification.

WS Skills: □ Observing and grouping animals based on their characteristics and suitability as pets.

☐ Recording and organizing findings using tables and labelled diagrams. **Enquiry:** What characteristics make an animal suitable or unsuitable to be

Lesson 4 DE LO: Understand that we can smell many different flavours and know that our sense of smell helps to keep us safe

WS Skill: Using tables, a variety of graphs, labelled diagrams and models to record observations,

measurements, results and findings. Enquiry: How do different smells help us understand the world around us?



Lesson 5 DE

LO: Record the growth of a plant WS Skill: Observing changes that occur

over a long or short period of time. Using information, results and data to present findings, including oral and written explanations.

Enquiry: How do marigolds and nasturtiums grow over time, and what changes can we observe as they develop from seeds to fullgrown plants?



