**Knowledge, Skills & Understanding Progression- Year 3 Science**

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| **National Curriculum Requirements of Science KS2- Lower** | | | | |
| The principal focus of science teaching in lower key stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They should do this through exploring, talking about, testing and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out.  Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary correctly and with confidence, using their growing word-reading and spelling knowledge.  **Working scientifically**  During years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:   * asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them * setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests * making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers * gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions * recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables * reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions * using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions * identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes * using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. | | | | |
| **Skill** | **National Curriculum Objective** | **Term 1** | **Term 2** | **Term 3** |
| **Plants**  **‘How does your garden grow?’** | * identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers * explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant * investigate the way in which water is transported within plants * explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal |  |  | **√** |
| **Animals, including humans**  **‘Food and our bodies’** | * 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 |  | **√** |  |
| **Rocks**  **‘Earth Rocks’** | * 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 matte | **√** |  |  |
| **Light**  **‘Mirror mirror’** | * 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 |  | **√** |  |
| **Forces and Magnets**  **‘Opposites attract’** | * compare how things move on different surfaces * notice that some forces need contact between 2 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 2 poles * predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing | **√** |  |  |
| **Super Science Topic**  **(This unit develops the ‘working scientifically’ skills.)**  **‘We are astronauts’** |  |  |  | **√** |