PHYSICS Progression of Knowledge, Skills and Vocabulary



	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	
EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3 Year 4		Year 5	Year 6
Early adopter ELG's listed in Biology document	Cycle A				
Biology document	Seasonal changes				
	NC				
	Pupils should be taught to: * observe changes across the four seasons				
	* observe and describe weather associated with the seasons				
	and how day length varies.				
	• I can observe changes across the four seasons				
	• I can observe and describe weather associated with the				
	seasons and how day length varies				
	Vocabulary				
	Season, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather, hot, warm,				
	cool cold, sunny, cloudy, windy, rainy, snowing, hailing, sleet, frost, fog, mist, icy, rainbow, thunder, lightning, storm, light,				
	dark, day, night				
		Light			Light
		NC NC			NC
		Pupils should be taught to:			Pupils should be taught to:
		♣ recognise that they need			recognise that light appears
		light in order to see things and			to travel in straight lines
		that dark is the absence of			♣ use the idea that light
		light ♣ notice that light is reflected			travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen
		from surfaces			because they give out or
		♣ recognise that light from			reflect light into the eye
		the sun can be dangerous and			sexplain that we see things
		that there are ways to protect			because light travels from light
		their eyes			sources to our eyes or from
		* recognise that shadows are			light sources to objects and
		formed when the light from a			then to our eyes
		light source is blocked by an opaque object			use the idea that light travels in straight lines to
		♣ find patterns in the way that			explain why shadows have the
		the size of shadows change.			same shape as the objects that
					cast them.
		• I recognise that light is			
		necessary to see things			• I can recognise that light
					travels in straight lines

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	• I notice that light is	·	ain how objects
	reflected from some		ing the idea that
	surfaces	light travel:	s in straight lines
	• I recognise that light from	• I can expl	ain that we see
	the sun can be dangerous and	things beca	use light travels
	that there are ways to	_	sources to our
	protect eyes		reflections)
	• I recognise that shadows		the idea that
	are formed when light is		s in straight lines
	blocked by a solid object		hat shadows have
	• I can notice that shadow	·	
		the same sh	
	length changes according to	objects that	it cast them
	the position of light source		
	(including the position of the		
	sun)	Vocabulary	
			source, darkness,
	Vocabulary		ective, shadow,
	Light, light source, darkness,	block, absor	rb, direction,
	reflect, reflective, mirror,	transparent	, opaque,
	shadow, block, direction,	translucent	
	transparent, opaque,		
	translucent		
	Forces and magnets	Forces and magnets	
	NC	NC	
	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	
	♣ compare how things move	♣ explain that unsupported	
	on different surfaces	objects fall towards the Earth	
	* notice that some forces	because of the force of gravity	
	need contact between two	acting between the Earth and	
		the falling object	
	objects, but magnetic forces		
	can act at a distance	♣ identify the effects of air	
	♣ observe how magnets	resistance, water resistance	
	attract or repel each other and	and friction, that act between	
	attract some materials and	moving surfaces	
	not others	♣ recognise that some	
	♣ compare and group	mechanisms, including levers,	
	together a variety of everyday	pulleys and gears, allow a	
	materials on the basis of	smaller force to have a greater	
1	whether they are attracted to	effect.	
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	a magnet, and identify some		
	a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials	• I can explain that objects	
	a magnet, and identify some	• I can explain that objects fall to Earth due to gravity	
	a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials	fall to Earth due to gravity	
	a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials describe magnets as having	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials describe magnets as having two poles	fall to Earth due to gravity • I can explain the effects of air and water resistance and	
	a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials describe magnets as having two poles predict whether two magnets will attract or repel	fall to Earth due to gravity • I can explain the effects of air and water resistance and friction	
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	2 objects, but magnetic		· I can describe how friction
	forces can act at a distance		affects the movement of
	· I can observe that magnets		objects
	attract or repel each other		objects
	and attract some materials		Vocabulary
	but not others		Fall, Earth, gravity, weight,
			mass, air resistance, water
	• I can group a variety of		resistance, friction, moving
	everyday materials according		surfaces, mechanisms, levers,
	to their magnetic properties.		pulleys, gears, force, transfers
	I can describe magnets as		puncys, gears, roree, transfers
	having 2 poles		
	• I can predict whether 2		
	magnets will attract or repel		
	each other, depending on		
	which poles are facing and		
	associate this with whether		
	or not a lamp lights in a		
	simple series circuit·		
	I can name some common		
	conductors and insulators		
	and know that metals are		
	good conductors		
	Vocabulary		
	Force, contact force, non-		
	contact force, magnetic force,		
	magnet, strength,		
	bar/ring/button/horses hoe		
	magnets, attract, repel,		
	magnetic material, metal,		
	iron, steel, non-magnetic,		
	poles, north/south pole		
		Sound	
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		Pupils should be taught to:	
		♣ identify how sounds are	
		made, associating some of	
		them with something vibrating	
		♣ recognise that vibrations	
		from sounds travel through a	
		medium to the ear	
		♣ find patterns between the	
		pitch of a sound and features	
		of the object that produced it	
		# find patterns between the	
		volume of a sound and the	
		strength of the vibrations that	
		produced it	
		♣ recognise that sounds get	
		fainter as the distance from	
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		the sound source increases.	

• I recognise that vibrations	
from sounds travel through a	
medium to the ear	
• I can suggest how a range	
of sounds are made and link	
them to vibrations	
• I recognise that sounds get	
fainter as the distance from	
the sound source increases	
• I can find patterns	
between the pitch of a sound	
and features of the object	
that produced it	
• I can find patterns	
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between the volume of a	
sound and the strength of	
the vibrations that produced	
it '	
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Vocabulary	
Sound, sound source, noise,	
vibration, travel, solid, liquid,	
gas, pitch, tune, high, low,	
volume, loud, quiet, fainter,	
muffle, strength of vibrations,	
insulation, instrument,	
percussion, strings, bass,	
woodwind, tuned instrument	
Electricity	Electricity
NC .	NC
Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:
♣ identify common appliances	associate the brightness of a
that run on electricity	lamp or the volume of a buzzer
♣ construct a simple series	with the number and voltage
electrical circuit, identifying	of cells used in the circuit
and naming its basic parts,	compare and give reasons
including cells, wires, bulbs,	for variations in how
switches and buzzers	components function,
♣ identify whether or not a	including the brightness of
lamp will light in a simple	bulbs, the loudness of buzzers
series circuit, based on	and the on/off position of
whether or not the lamp is	switches
part of a complete loop with a	use recognised symbols
battery	when representing a simple
* recognise that a switch	circuit in a diagram.
opens and closes a circuit and	
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associate this with whether or	• I understand how lamp
not a lamp lights in a simple	brightness and buzzer
series circuit	volume is affected by the
Series Circuit	
* recognise some common conductors and insulators, and	voltage in a circuit

		associate metals with being good conductors. • I can name appliances that run on electricity and know which need mains electricity, battery power or either. • I can make a simple series electrical circuit and name the basic parts of cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers • I can 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 • I can use a simple switch in a circuit that opens and close Vocabulary Electricity, appliance, device, mains, plug, electrical circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, components, cell, battery, positive/negative, connect, connection, short circuit, wire, crocodile clip, bulb, bright/dim, switch, buzzer, motor, faster/slower, conductor, insulator, metal/non-metal		symbols to create a simple circuit diagram I can compare and give reasons for variations in how components function inc. the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches Vocabulary Electricity, appliance, device, electrical circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, components, cell, battery, positive, negative, terminal, connection, short circuit, wire, crocodile clip, bulb, bright/dim, switch, buzzer, volume, motor, conductor, insulator, voltage, current, resistance,
			Earth and Space NC Pupils should be taught to: describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	

	• I can describe the
	movement of the Earth and
	other planets relative to the
	sun in the solar system
	• I can describe the
	movement of the moon
	relative to the Earth
	• I can describe the sun,
	Earth and moon as spherical
	• I can explain the process of
	day and night using the
	concept of the Earth's
	rotation
	• I can explain the way the
	Sun's (and shadows) position
	appears to change through
	the day with reference to
	the earth's rotation
	Vocabulary
	Earth, planets, sun, solar
	system, moon, celestial body,
	spherical, rotation, spin, night
	and day, names of planets,
	dwarf planet, orbit,
	geocentric model,
	heliocentric model, shadow
	clocks, sundials, astronomical
	clocks